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Otsego High School to present "Seussical"

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Oh, the sights you will see and the songs you will hear—Otsego High School's production of the "Seussical" is almost here!

The musical, inspired by the works of the one and only Dr. Seuss, will take the stage at OHS beginning Thursday, March 27, and run through Sunday, March 30

The Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows have a 7 p.m. start time, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

OHS choir director Meredith Lincoln said she selected this show for several reasons.

"The first reason I selected this show is because one of my goals while I'm here at Otsego is to put on musicals that the community has never put on before," she said. "I believe that it is good for our students and our community to experience shows that are not as popular and get to see different realms of theater.

"The second reason is it is such a fun show, and everyone knows Dr. Seuss. Plus, this show has a lot of positive messages that we can all benefit from hearing."

Primary among those messages is "a person's a person, no matter how small."

"It's such a universal message, that everyone and everything matters," Lincoln said. "It really is a show for all ages. Adults will love it, and of course so will children."

"Seussical," which encompasses more than 15 of Dr. Seuss' books, tells the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust that contains Whoville and meets a young Who named JoJo. Wanting to keep the Whos safe, Horton takes it upon himself to protect the dust speck on a clover.

The problem? Only Horton can hear the Whos, so the other creatures think he's crazy and treat him as such.

Horton and JoJo are played by brother and sister Caleb Wesseldyk and McKenna Wesseldyk, with Grifin Jacobs taking on the role of The Cat in the Hat.

The Wesseldyk siblings and Jacobs are part of a cast that includes 39 students.

"This group of students have been really fun to work with," Lincoln said. "They are willing to try new things and get outside of their comfort zone. They are hardworking, determined and enjoy their time on stage.

"They've also developed long-lasting friendships with each other and genuinely enjoy being around each other. These students are kind and encouraging to each other, and it will show on stage. I truly enjoy my time spent with these students."

"Seussical" presented a unique challenge compared to other musicals put on by OHS: it is almost entirely sung with little additional dialogue.

"Given how much singing is in this show, it was a different learning curve," Lincoln said. "Each song only got two music rehearsals, and most dances only got one rehearsal. This has made the students have to be very accountable in terms of learning their music. It's also been a challenge in terms of the stamina of the students."

With those additional challenges, though, also come additional opportunities.

"Because there's so much music, it's provided a lot of solo opportunities for more students than usual," Lincoln said. "This allows me to highlight even more students and show off their talents."

Seeing so many students share those talents has been a highlight for Lincoln.

"Seeing the progress these students make is always very rewarding," she said. "I have seen a lot of kids come out of their shells. I have students singing solos in this show that would never have sung in front of anyone just a year ago. The life skills they learn during the musical process will stay with them far after they graduate from high school.

"These students really have become the characters and worked really hard to do so. Seeing them go on stage and show off everything they've worked on is why I do what I do. It's truly a life-changing experience for them, and I am blessed to be a part of it."

In addition to Caleb Wesseldyk, McKenna Wesseldyk and Jacobs, the cast includes:

* Gertrude McFuzz: Rebekah Stachura
* Mayzie LaBird: Sophie Ruiz
* Mr. Mayor: Michael Crispi
* Mrs. Mayor: Madison Collison
* Sour Kangaroo: Emma Zimmermann
* Young Kangaroo: Ephraim Walker
* General Genghis Kahn Schmitz: Jeremy Perricone
* Wickersham Siblings: Piper Carper, Hannah Chapman, Keegan Bates and Morgan Gruber
* Bird Girls: Melody Begeman, Tori Sparks, Callie Smith and Molly Koppers
* Thing 1: Corbin Crowe
* Thing 2: Lily Baird
* Yertle, the Turtle: Raegan Begeman
* Vlad Vladikoff: Calista Walker
* Grinch: Skyler Crispi
* Jungle Citizens/Cadets/Circus: Paisley Russell, Desirae Birman, Janora Robertson, Chloe Landon, Calista Walker, Breliyn Webb, Cali Burroughs, Ellyanna Bouwman, Skylar Brooks, Raegan Begemen, Calliah Willover
* Whoville Citizens/Hunches: Katherine Breedveld, Alana Chapman, Madison Nyberg, Rori Chapman, Kaidence Pitcock, Krystal Goldacker, Trenton Travis, Sophia Waite.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for students. They can be purchased at otsegops.tix.com or at the door.

High school student helps raise money for Parkinson's

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

As a member of the Van Andel Institute's Student Ambassador Program, Otsego senior Landon Eastman volunteers for events that raise money for Parkinson's research.

It's a cause that hits close to home for Eastman, whose father is battling the disease.

Eastman recently had the opportunity to share his father's story at the 20th Annual Winterfest Celebration, the Institute's largest donor event of the year.

"To be part of this event was special feeling because it's the first reward for my hard work in trying to make a difference in the world," Eastman said. "I joined the program for personal reasons and wanting to make a difference and being invited to speak is a reflection of the hard work I've been putting in.

"Having this opportunity as a high schooler is amazing. I was blessed to be given this platform to speak and it's just the start of the difference I can make in the world."

Eastman was asked to speak by none other than VAI chairman and CEO David Van Andel and his wife Carol.

The Van Andels met Eastman last March at Art for a Cure, an event hosted by members of the Student Ambassador Program. They wanted to learn more about the ambassador program and asked Eastman for his perspective.

"I had no idea at the time, but I guess I made a great impression, and they wanted me to share my story at their biggest donor event, Winterfest," Eastman said.

Eastman's primary message was one of perseverance and never giving up, even in the face of huge obstacles.

"I try to embody (that mentality) daily," Eastman said. "It's been cultivated by my father's fight and what he has taught me in my life. He is one of my biggest inspirations and seeing his battle with a disease with no cure is not easy.

"Never giving up is what Van Andel Institute is built on, as they seek to cure the incurable. We all face our own battles, and it's important to approach them face on. I hope I conveyed that to the audience as well as convey how important the work at the Institute is because it is so near and dear to my heart."

Landon Eastman (center) is flanked by his parents at the Winterfest Celebration. (Photo provided by Van Andel Institute)

Otsego High School senior Landon Eastman recently spoke at the Van Andel Institute's Winterfest Celebration, sharing the story of his father's battle with Parkinson's. (Photo provided by Van Andel Institute)

As part of the Student Ambassador Program, Eastman has been part of the Purple Committee at Otsego High School.

The Purple Committee is a group of students who organize events at OHS every two years to raise money for Parkinson's and cancer research.

As he prepares to embark on a new chapter of his life following graduation in May, Eastman has his sights set on studying biomedical engineering on a pre-medical route. He plans to be an anesthesiologist one day.

"My interest in biomedical engineering was sparked at Van Andel Institute seeing the capabilities of what can be done," he said. "I plan to do research throughout my undergraduate career to seek answers to the unanswerable.

"I would love to keep working with the institute and see where it can take me."

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Beautify Pullman opens online auction

By Gari Voss

The Beautify Pullman committee creates some extraordinary fundraisers that support improvements to the Pullman, MI community. The funds raised have brought a historical mural to a building facade, flowers and trees along the streets, and a Town Square that contains a pavilion, gazebo, and a memorial wall plus play equipment. Now, the group is about to embark on a fantastic online auction that has some fabulous items.

The Experience Michigan Online Auction items can be previewed at https://charityauction.bid/ExperienceMichigan2025 before the auction begins on March 17, 2025. Browse the many items and experiences offered - vacations, wineries, restaurants, home & garden, sporting events, activities & adventures, professional services, and unique gifts. Some of the offerings include…

Vacation lover items include a weekend in Chicago, a stay at the historic Hotel Nichols in South Haven, several getaways on lakes and in the woods of Lee Township, two nights in Buchanan, MI, a night at the Hampton Inn in South Haven, 2 nights at the historic Pullman Frolic or on Lower Scott Lake, and the list goes on.

Sports lovers can golf at Hawkshead Links, Charter Fish on Lake Michigan, get tickets to a Detroit Tiger game or the Kalamazoo Growlers or the Grand Rapids Gold or the Grand Rapids Rise or the Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey, or a W. Michigan Whitecaps game, Bittersweet Resort Ski Passes, 10 passes to Satya Yoga in Saugatuck, Landshark's gift certificate, bowling for 10 or for 5, time at BAM Entertainment in Holland, visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, more golf packages, and the list goes on!

More locally, there is camping at Kal-Haven Outpost, a basket from Fenn Valley Vineyard, a private event at Reel Play Center, a tour & tasting at Wyncroft Wines in Pullman, a party at the Pullman Town Square Pavilion or the Gazebo, a Let's Roam Scavenger Hunt, an afternoon on Lower Scott Lake, tickets for Frederik Meijer Gardens, a day at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, plus additional fun close to home.

For kids, try a ride-on dump truck, Tardy's Underground, or passes to the Mitten Museum.

Around the home, there is tree service, a ring video doorbell, a Wood Burning Fire Pit, professional house cleaning, a handmade quilt, lovely paintings, genealogy research services, North Shore Garden Center certificates, garden preparation package, oil change coupon, Dickinson True-Value certificate, power washing, auto service, plus more.

Wonderful food at the Farmhouse Deli, Salt of the Earth, Phoenix Street on Broadway, El Jaripeo Mexican, Pizza Plus pizzas, and more wineries.

Proceeds from the online auction will be used to support the summer Farmers Markets, live music in the Town Square, holiday gatherings, and more. Mark your Calendars! The Auction runs only from March 17-24, 2025.

Creating Hope, One Home at a Time:

Heart to Heart's Community-Driven Mission to Transform Lives

By Cindy Sasser

Heart to Heart, a non-profit organization based in Hamilton, has long been dedicated to improving the lives of those in need within the community. The "10 Homes for 10 Families" initiative embodies this mission to address one of the most important issues facing vulnerable families: housing instability.

Heart to Heart is a Resale Store located at 4621 135th Avenue in Hamilton, Michigan. Operating under the auspices of Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Allegan County, it's a cornerstone of community support, offering a wide range of donated goods at affordable prices. By purchasing items from the store, customers directly contribute to the organization's mission of providing stable housing and other forms of support to families in need.

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) is a national organization that mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. By connecting volunteers, resources, and services from different Christian congregations, Love INC addresses various needs such as food, housing, job training, and spiritual support. Their mission is to show Christ's love through service, empowering individuals and families toward self-sufficiency and holistic well-being. Love INC Allegan County in their own words is:

"A National Movement of the Body of Christ Helping Their Neighbors - Across 29 States and in Kenya, 100+ Love INC locations partner with over 7,800 Christian Churches to serve hundreds of thousands of people in need"

You can find more information here: https://loveincnwa.org/about-love-inc/

In 2008, Love INC Allegan County launched the Homes of Hope Program to address the issue of housing instability. In the past 15 years, the program has provided transitional housing for 13 families as they navigated life-changing events such as divorce, domestic violence, job loss, evictions, and addiction recovery.

The goal is to provide 10 mobile homes over 5 years to families who complete the transitional housing portion of their Homes of Hope Program. They plan to purchase, place, refurbish, and move the families into these homes, making it possible for them to eventually take ownership of the homes.

Like any ambitious project, "10 Homes for 10 Families" faces its share of challenges. Securing sufficient funding, navigating regulatory requirements, and ensuring the homes meet quality standards are all significant hurdles.

Volunteers, local businesses, and individual donors have all played an essential role in bringing this project to life. From donating materials and funds to offering their time and labor, the community has come together in an extraordinary display of collective responsibility and support.

They added that getting people into their own homes and off government assistance isn't easy; it involves a lot of details and requirements. But for the ten families selected for this program, this means more than just a roof over their heads; it signifies a fresh start. Stable housing allows families to focus on other critical aspects of their lives, such as employment, education, and health, without the constant worry of where they will live next.

Choosing the ten families for this initiative is a meticulous and compassionate process. They need to ensure that the families selected would benefit the most from this opportunity. Criteria included factors such as current housing situation, family size, income level, and specific needs that stable housing could address. The selection process also involves consultations with social workers, community leaders, and other stakeholders to ensure fair and impactful choices.

Visit https://loveincnwa.org/get-help/ if you or anyone you know is in need of help.

Heart to Heart Resale Store exemplifies the profound impact that community-driven efforts can have on individual lives. By transforming donated goods into tangible support, Heart to Heart is not only addressing immediate needs but also laying the groundwork for long-term success and stability.

"All proceeds from the Heart to Heart Resale Store help support the ministry of Love INC, a network of 29 churches in Allegan County who partner together to serve our community; 9 of those 29 churches host various types of pantries that fill a gap in common community needs."

The store operates on a schedule designed to accommodate a variety of shoppers:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30am-5pm

First Saturday of each month, 9:30am-2pm

Friday and Monday, Closed

Donations can be dropped off at Heart to Heart Resale Store during store hours only. Also visit: https://loveincnwa.org/heart-to-heart-store-2/ and click on "Frequently Requested Pantry Items" to see the list and locations if you'd like to donate. You can also visit their Amazon Wish List showing their most frequently requested pantry items.

The following are ways your donations are used: They are sold in the store to provide revenue for the Love INC ministry, recycled, repurposed, shared across their Love INC locations in Allegan County, or shared with a variety of other ministries.

While they accept a wide array of items, they have specific guidelines to ensure the safety and usability of donations; items that cannot be accepted include cribs, car and booster seats, unframed mirrors, exercise equipment, computers and printers, televisions, and large desks or entertainment centers.

The Heart to Heart Resale Store in Hamilton is a shining example of hope and kindness, turning community support into real help for those in need. By turning donations into valuable resources, the store helps fund Love INC Allegan County, treating those in need with care, dignity, and respect. The "10 Homes for 10 Families" initiative showcases the spirit of community care, giving selected families a life-changing chance for stable housing. These efforts highlight a strong dedication to helping vulnerable families achieve long-term success and stability making a real difference in many lives.

Photography on display at Old Jail Museum

By Gari Voss

The display area at the Old Jail Museum in Allegan is morphing into a delightful collage of photography history. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Allegan County Historical Society President Mark Lovett, the area contains cameras and equipment dating back to the 1800s.

When entering the area, the visual effect can be overwhelming until Lovett assists with beginning at the beginning. Housed in a curio cabinet at the end of the room are the oldest cameras. It includes an old verichrome roll-film cameras, Lovett believed to be from the turn of the century. One camera stood out because it was a glass-plate camera that had the emulsion on the glass rather than a typical film. The glass plate was slid into a wooden frame that could be slid into the camera. Once a picture was taken, the plate could be flipped over and exposed on the other side. Most of the cameras in the curio cabinet were point and shoot, but a couple had adjustable apertures.

As Lovett examined the display, he shared that many of the cameras had been donated to the museum over time. Lovett admitted that he was not a camera collector, but did have one that was given to him by Jerry Richlich and a gentleman from the Jennison area offered many others.

That moved the investigation to the right where a shadowbox-like display houses all sizes and shapes of flash bulb cameras that may be extremely familiar to those who took pictures in the 50s and 60s. Most of the collection are point and shoot that can have a flash attached. Some contained blue bulbs and other clear. The difference? Blue indicated color film exposure while clear was for black and white.

"Most people don't realize that color film is balanced for daylight," explained Lovett. "Without the blue bulb, color film would come out orange. I just discovered a bottle of Blu-Kot. You can use it to paint a clear bulb, and it will be blue and useable for color film."

Lovett then pulled a small Imperial camera from the nook, "This was my first camera. I got it when I was 8 or 10 years old in the late 50s. It's just a point and shoot. The number of times you click it would be the number of exposures."

On the table below the nooks is a complete camera set. "This is the camera that I used near the end of my career the equipment includes a flash and flash meter. Next to it [housed neatly in a glass box] is the first 35mm Canon SLR camera that I used where you actually look through the lens to take the picture. It has a customed proprietary flash unit so when you focus the camera, the unit can tell the flash how far away the subject is, and it will adjust the aperture for the flash."

Mark Lovett, current president of the Allegan County Historical Society and retired photographer, is creating a photography display at the Old Jail Museum. The curio cabinet holds many of the oldest cameras on display while the shadowbox-like cubbies hold a variety of cameras and equipment that were used across the years. The display will be available through most of 2025, but Lovett admits that he is continuing to sort pieces that will be added, and there may be some pieces removed over time. The Old Jail Museum is open on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Photo: G. Voss

Included in the display are examples of the photography across the years. Lovette even included pictures like the one of his mother and her sibling from the 30s, and the picture of an electric pole that he took in the 1980s.

"It was originally a color negative. I had to do a lot of lab work to take it from a color negative to a high contrast black and white then sandwich it against another piece of film to make a negative then print off that film. I built up the contrast. Then I made the picture and decided I wanted to make it bigger and more interesting, so I matted it and framed it then used a ruling pen to draw the lines off the picture onto the matte. The process was more darkroom and artwork so I displayed it with the darkroom equipment."

That brought us to the end of the shadow boxes. "This is the darkroom corner, so we have a developer from about the 50s. There are developing trays for the paper, a developing spool that you would wind the 35 mm film on then place it in the tank and agitate it for so long. Pour out the developer then begin the stop bath. You would dump out and wash away the undeveloped silver. That was done in the dark."

How did Lovett get into photography? Both his grandfather and dad were photographers to a degree. His dad was a pilot in WWII and learned many of the techniques during the war.

Moving across the room, the wall has a variety of shelves. On one shelf, Lovett even has on display a couple of his dad's cameras. One a Kodak Medalist (American) and the other a Zeiss Ikon 35mm (German).

"The camera that people may be most familiar with is up in the corner. That is the camera that when you see an old movie and the press is on the scene, they would have that camera in their hands. Typically, it was a 4 X 5 press camera called a Graphlex. It had a very large flash that used both blue and clear bulbs. The fun thing about that camera is that the grip for the flash, a silver cylinder, is what they used in the original Star Wars when they made the light saber. It was just a detachable silver handle and the rest was all lights and magic."

On a small tripod on top of the display case is an Argus that was made in Ann Arbor. At the opposite end in the display case is a collection of 35mm Argus. Included is a Michigan History magazine from the Historical Society of Michigan that features an article about the Argus. Many of the Argus cameras came out in the 1940s and were used during WWII.

Included in the display case are range finder cameras. When looking through the view finder, there are two images. When the images lay perfectly on top of each other, the subject is in focus.

Another unique grouping in the case is a Vivitar 283 had thyristor circuitry. This meant that it actually read how much light was bouncing off the subject and back to the camera then it can automatically set the light output. This determined how long the light would burn. These were cutting edge in probably the late 70s or early 1980s. "A lot of this was mine that I used during my career," shared Lovett. "It had all kinds of accessories – filters, concentrators or diffusers – that were hooked up to the camera by a cord or unplug the dial to just use the flash on the camera."

Nestled on the top shelf of the case are all types of film canisters and even a small movie camera that took one minute of film. Lovett referred to it as something like a spy camera. In the case and on small shelves are other pocket cameras including a toy that takes 35mm pictures.

One camera that many families had was the Brownie Hawkeye. The display case includes the camera in its original box with the detachable flash, lightbulbs and even the batteries. "You could go to the store and get everything except the film in one box," Lovett quipped. "The power source basically sends a spark up to the flashbulb. The flashbulb is typically filled with very fine magnesium or aluminum wire. When the spark goes up, the wire catches on fire and that causes the light output. The bulb burns hot, so there was an ejector button, so you didn't have to touch the bulb."

To give examples of the progress of photographs, a series of pictures takes a black and white print and demonstrates how the color was added by an artist. "They would take a black and white photograph then brown tone it. Then they would use transparent oils to paint the colors over the picture. The artist would use a Q-tip like 'brush' to add the detail. Several pictures are extremely intricate with beautiful colors. The artist often did not see the subjects, so they went by the description written on a piece of paper," explained Lovett.

Lovett did reserve room for some 8mm movie cameras and included an 8mm projector from the 1950s. Another projector was for 16mm film which was a bit larger and from the 30s. These early movie cameras offered the moving pictures with no sound.

Coming back to the doorway from where we began stands another glass cabinet that houses a variety of Polaroid cameras. From the earliest version of instant photography, the photographer could point and shoot then pull the film out. The pulling action would roll the developer over the exposed film. Then you wait before peeling it. The XF70 was the first camera to spit the photograph out after the picture was taken. Of those on display, some go back to the 40s and 50s. Lovett stated that typically, the bigger they are, the older they are. Some were quite technical in that they could automatically determine the lighting.

Polaroid received some competition from the Kodak Kodamatic. Just as the Kodamatic reached the stores, Polaroid won its suit, and Kodak could not sell their cameras, so most were destroyed. Lovett believed that the one on display had never been used but was saved by an employee of a camera store.

Allegan had a number of photo studios including one at the corner of Trowbridge and Chestnut Streets. The building had a skylight so photographs could be taken using natural light. An early Allegan photographer was Harry Porter who had a reputation for fine photography around the turn of the century.

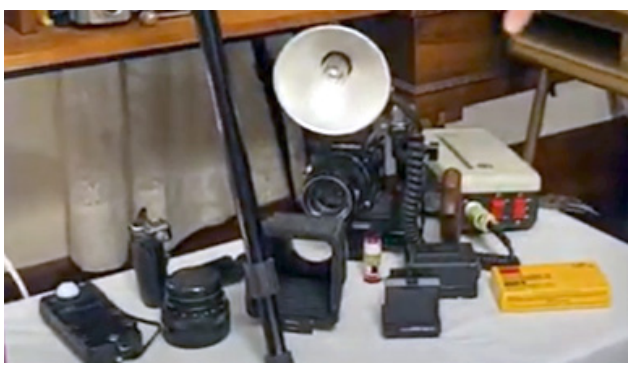
For the 150th year of photography the U.S. Postal Service created a stamp that integrated bits and pieces of photography's history. Lovett shared that the 10,000 watt bulb on the stamp was actually used in the spotlights during the old movies. They drew 96 amps of electricity, which was more than most houses had during those days.

"When Kodak first came out, the camera was expensive for the time," stated Lovett. "It came with a roll of film that took 100 pictures. The pictures were round because the lens was round. Once the pictures were taken, you would send the camera back to Kodak. They would open it, develop the pictures then reload the camera and send it back to you."

That was before the labs began popping up locally. Usually, the labs were at a pharmacy. On display is an envelope from Baker's Drug Store in Allegan, Michigan, Exclusive Eastman Kodak Agency. It has "The Sign of the Best" "Kodak Finishing Slocum Bros. Service. In bold handwriting is indicated "Halloween & Band Group".

Lovett's photography will be a living display of history throughout most of 2025. All are welcome to enjoy the variety of cameras and equipment, ask questions and share stories. The Old Jail Museum on N. Walnut Street in Allegan is open Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.

Mark Lovett got his love for photography from his grandfather and father, who was a pilot in WWII and did photography. In the display at the Old Jail Museum are a Kodak Medalist (American) and a Zeiss Ikon 35mm (German) that were used by his dad. Photo: G. Voss



The small Imperial camera on the left was Mark Lovett's first camera. "I got it when I was 8 or 10 years old in the late 50s. It's just a point and shoot." The camera and special attachments at top along with an expansive tripod was what Lovett used as he was finishing his career as a photographer in Allegan, MI. Photo: G. Voss

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of Mar. 10, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 5pm: 80 Yr. Plainwell Rotary Celebration
Lake Doster Golf Club 116 Country Club Blvd. Plainwell
Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 6:30pm: Cash Party! For the Educational Foundation
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan… Purchase a ticket at edfoundationofaps@alleganps.org
Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 8pm: St. Partrick's Day Bash w/TRAPPED ON MARS!
Eagles 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
Sun., Mar. 16, 2025, 7:30pm: The Bird Day Party
Live theater at The Tilt 118 Brady St. Allegan
Mon., Mar. 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Pick Up March Madness Basketball Brackets

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 2pm: Recess for Adults
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Play with clients of the ARC of Allegan.

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 2:30pm: Heart Health for Friends
Ascension Borgess Allegan 555 Lynn St. Allegan
Gather at the hospital for refreshments in the Michigan Room to meet with Dr. Kotaru at 3pm.

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 5:30-8pm: Birches
Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 1-3:30pm: Birches
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
This messy class will teach you a variety of strategies for creating birches in your paintings. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Drop in with 3-5 year olds and enjoy books and fun.
3:30pm: Teen Craftnoons – DIY Picture Frames 5-12 graders can drop in to make picture frames.
6-7pm: Wellness w/Amanda. Drop in and Amanda Roden will help participants become healthier.

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 6-8pm: Irish warriors during the Renaissance
Dorr Township Library 1804 Sunset Dr. Dorr
Dorr Township Library will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and commemorate the 160th anniversary of the end of the Civil War with two interactive programs presented by the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy of Comstock Park. The 1st will be about the history, weapons, and fighting techniques of Irish Renaissance mercenaries.

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 5pm: 80 Yr. Plainwell Rotary Celebration
Lake Doster Golf Club 116 Country Club Blvd. Plainwell
Celebrate 80 years with networking, dinner, a guest speaker & cash bar. Reservations on https://www.facebook.com/events/920624763610997

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Bring a friend and check your memory!

Fr., Mar. 14, 2025, 3:30pm: Tween & Teen Pi Day & Trivia
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Celebrate National Pi Day with rounds of trivia. Registration required 269 673-4625.

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 2-7pm: Everybody's Irish
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, noon-5pm: St. Patrick's Bar Crawl
Plainwell City Hall 211 N. Main St. Plainwell
Bus Pick Up
Enjoy a crawl to The LYNX, Brewster's, Salvinos and 1871 Taphouse for appetizers, party favors and adult beverages. Limited seating. Order tickets at Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber. 269 694-6880

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 6:30pm: Cash Party! For the Educational Foundation
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
Purchase a ticket at edfoundationofaps@alleganps.org and enjoy fun, food and entertainment.

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 8pm: St. Partrick's Day Bash w/TRAPPED ON MARS!
Eagles 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
All are welcome to come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend with your friends at the Allegan Eagles and TRAPPED ON MARS! We'll be bringing the Rock, Funk, Pop & Punk

Sun., Mar. 16, 2025, 2pm: Tilt Book Club
Tilt 118 118 Brady St. Allegan
Discuss *The Three Lives of Cate Kay* by Kate Fagan. Bring questions or thoughts to discuss.

Sun., Mar. 16, 2025, 7:30pm: The Bird Day Party
The Tilt 118 Brady St. Allegan
Welcome to Birdie's Bar when the irregular regulars throw Bridy a birthday party that unwelcome guests turn into a madcap escapade. Get tickets at allegancommunityplayers.org. Order food before 6:30pm and drinks by 7pm then sit back and enjoy the fun. Seating is limited. Tickets may or may not be available at the door.

Mon., Mar. 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Pick Up March Madness Basketball Brackets
1pm: Drop In Lego Club for 6-12 year olds.
3:30pm: Tween & Teen Trivia Time for 6-12 graders. Fun with Jeopardy & snacks.
6pm: Craftastic Register by calling (269) 673-4625.

Tues., Mar. 18, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime for 0-2 yrs. olds & caregivers. Enjoy stories & fun.
6pm: Geocaching 101 Ages 12 and up can learn from Peter Hoyt what is needed and how to play.
6pm: Library Board Mtg.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 11am-6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive
Griswold Auditorium basement Hubbard St. Allegan
Sign up to donate at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or drop in.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, Noon-2pm: 2025 Allegan County Gives & Volunteer Fair
The Silo M40 S. Allegan
Tied to Allegan County Gives, MACC will hold its second Volunteer Fair open to all interested in learning about volunteer opportunities. All are welcome to meet with participating organizations. Grant drawings and participant tote bags will be available.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 4-6pm: Food Addicts Anonymous with FRIENDS
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Karen DeHaan from FAA Organization will discuss about the principles of Food Addiction. Healthy snacks will be served.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 5:30pm: Pub Quiz Trivia
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Bring a team and your library card and test your knowledge!

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 6-8pm: Hummingbird Feeder
Thurs., Mar. 20, 2025, 1-3pm: Hummingbird Feeder
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Come out and make an irresistible feeder. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 20, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 2-5 yr. olds & caregivers can enjoy stories & fun.
6pm: Great Lakes Great Stories – Michigan's Ladies of the Lights with Dianna Stampfler introduce women ahead of their time in taking on dangerous and physically demanding jobs of tending lighthouses.

Thurs., Mar. 20, 2025, 4-6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Schaendorf Brewing 412 Water St. Allegan
The Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Allegan Jaycee's are collaborating to introduce Third Thirsty Thursdays for 2025! This exciting new event is for the movers & shakers in the Allegan area community, who are looking to network and make connections in a relaxed setting,

Thurs., Mar. 20, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Bring a friend and check your memory!

Fri., Mar. 21, 2025, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6-12 graders can explore 3-D printing and play video games with friends. Register at (269) 673-4625.

Sat., Mar. 22, 2025, 11am-3pm: Teen & Adult Intro to D&D
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 12 and up can join the Dungeon Master (DM) to learn how to play Dungeon & Dragons. Register at (269) 673-4625.

Sat., Mar. 22, 2025, 5pm: Thyroid Cancer Benefit
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Enjoy an evening of music, food, fun and support. Music by Dysfunctional Entertainment and the Legendary Strum, Dumb and Dumber, Food highlights Big Mike's Pulled Pork Dinner, and Support starts with bidding on Raffle Baskets. The evening is to raise awareness and funds for Thyroid Cancer Research.

Sat., Mar. 22, 2025, 9am-10pm: Saugatuck – Community Film Festival
Saugatuck Center for the Arts 400 Culver St. Saugatuck
Immerse yourself in a sensory journey at Mountainfilm on Tour: Saugatuck, an extraordinary experience where you'll be transported around the world. https://www.facebook.com/events/567594149540096

Sun., Mar. 23, 2025, 7:30pm: The Bird Day Party
The Tilt 118 Brady St. Allegan
Welcome to Birdie's Bar when the irregular regulars throw Bridy a birthday party that unwelcome guests turn into a madcap escapade. Get tickets at allegancommunityplayers.org. Order food before 6:30pm and drinks by 7pm then sit back and enjoy the fun. Seating is limited. Tickets may or may not be available at the door.

Mon., Mar. 24, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring a project, work, chat and snack.
3:30pm: Pokemon Kids Club – Ages 5-11 can dive into the world of Pokemon. Bring your own cards to trade.

Tues., Mar. 25, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 yr olds & caregivers can enjoy stories & fun.
1pm: Friends of the Library Mtg. – all are invited to join the discussion.
6pm: Rosie the Riveter: Veterans of the Home Front – How women stepped forward to build weapons of war. Focus will be on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant while men went into military service.

Wed., Mar. 26, 2025, 11am-12:30pm: Allegan Co. CHNA Results
Michigan Room Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital Allegan
Open to all MACC members. This online /virtual event is open to all and will share the results of the Allegan County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

Wed., Mar. 26, 2025, 5-6:30pm: An evening with the Williams Family Trio and Jack Dailey
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

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Experience the beauty and history of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Rivers on a classic Canadian riverboat. *Request our free travel brochure.*
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Abandoned Wells
Got one?

The Allegan Wellhead Protection Program is looking for abandoned, unplugged wells.

Abandoned, unused, unplugged wells threaten groundwater resources and public health. Contaminants from the surface such as fertilizers, pesticides or other run off water, can easily move downward through the unsealed, abandoned well and enter the aquifer. These contaminants may end up in your drinking water well, your neighbors well or the local community drinking water wells.

The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

THE REGENT THEATRE
211 Trowbridge St., Allegan
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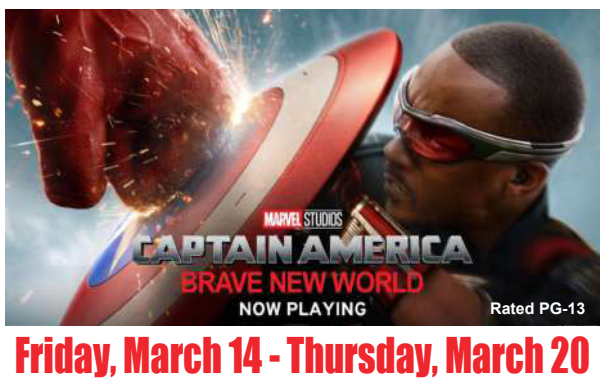
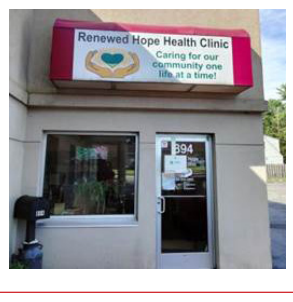


Friday, March 14 - Thursday, March 20
7pm Feature • $5 – Sat. & Sun. 2pm Matinee • $4
DAILY SPECIALS
Tuesdays- 25 cent Popcorn
FLASHBACK FRIDAY!
Forbidden Planet (1956) • March 28 @ 9:30pm • $5

Renewed Hope Health Clinic
Allegan County's free health clinic serving uninsured and under insured adult residents in Allegan County
894 Marshall Street, Allegan (across from McDonalds)
269-355-3053
Office hours 9 am to 5 pm Mondays and Thursdays
Medical clinics on scheduled Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon
Our staff are volunteers who are committed to providing medical and mental health care to our community.
Services include:
- Free lab testing first Thursday of each month from 9 am to 11 am. (call for further information)
- Medical and mental health services
- Patient assistance program application (to participating pharmaceutical companies that provide low or no cost medication for eligible patients.
- Referral to specialists where indicated
- Assistance in applying for state and/or federal benefits


The music will be followed at 6:30pm with a Soup Supper. The $14 fundraiser will go to purchase a new dishwasher.

Wed., Mar. 26, 2025, 10am: Play Café
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee while little ones are having fun in their area.

Wed., Mar. 26, 2025, 6-8pm: Sunflowers
Thurs., Mar. 27, 2025, 1-3pm: Sunflowers
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to paint Sunflowers! No experience necessary. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANCE

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
We have been providing services to the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin areas since 1983.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

People Helping People of Pullman
Assistance by appt. 269 236-6295

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - abuse prevention and healing
402 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborallegan.org, (269) 673-3791

St. Vincent de Paul-St. Margaret Conference - Food and More
St. Vincent de Paul 124A W. Allegan St. Otsego
Mon.: 1-3pm Tues. & Thurs: 10am to noon Wed.: 3-5pm
Food pantry and limited financial aid. Dtvincentdepaul9005@gmail.com
Serves Otsego, Plainwell and Martin School Districts

Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
Contact: Phone: 269 686-6369
Deliveries are made to homebound senior citizens.

Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
Call (269) 673-3139 after 3pm any Thursday and place an order.
Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

Food Truck - 3rd Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm
United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Hamilton Christian Reformed Church / Love INC
3596 47th St. Hamilton, 269 751-2533

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340
Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org, (269) 455-9452

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

Mobile Food Pantry, 2nd Monday of the Month: Drive Thru Food Distribution
Casco United Methodist Church 880 66th ST, South Haven MI 49090
Pantry items a pre-packaged. Limit - one box per vehicle.

Project Hope
1808 143rd Ave. Dorr
616 681-4673 appt. only

The Vine Food Pantry / Love, INC
Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave, Allegan, MI · (269) 673-2329

Wayland Farners Market
Apr. – Oct. Wed. & Sat.
Downtown Wayland

NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF DORR
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted by the Dorr Township Board at a regular meeting held February 27th, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-25O:
SECTION I: Amends the Official Zoning Map and rezones from F – Agricultural to E- Commercial District, the following parcel:
The unaddressed property on 146th Avenue and 22nd Street known as Permanent Parcel Number 03-05-005-027-01, to rezone said parcel from the F Agricultural District to the RE Rural Estate District. The subject property is legally described as: S 60 A. W 1/2 SW 1/4 ALSO SE 1/4 SW 1/4 EX BEG AT SW COR TH E 565' TH N 280' TH W 417.18' TH S 72.10' TH W 148.11' TH S 207.90' TO POB ALSO EX COM S 1/4 COR TH N 1321.75' TO POB TH W 762.3' TH S 200' TH E 326.30' TH S 421.22' TH E 106' TH S 135' TH E 330' TH N 755.75' TO POB SEC 5 T4N R12W

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
This Ordinance shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Dorr Township Ordinance 03-25O is available at the Dorr Township Office addressed as 4196 18th, Dorr, MI 49323 during normal business hours, or upon request from the Dorr Township Clerk.

Debbie Sewers, Clerk
Dorr Township
4196 18th Street
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 681-9874 Ext. 102

Pat's legacy will endure for many years

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

I lost a good friend and co-worker last week. Pat Maurer, has been a part of the Clare County Review since 1983, first as a sales rep, then a writer, then editor and finally as owner. Along the way my father and I purchased the paper from Gary Grim of Farwell and then a few years later sold it to Pat. Ironically, Pat, many years later sold it back to me and continued to this day as a correspondent and columnist.

If your counting that's 42 years serving up news and features about Clare County. Pat was a true journalist, never inserting her opinion in an article and always going the extra mile to present both sides of the story.

But for me, an oftentimes overworked editor, Pat was a Godsend. She would do anything or write anything I asked. When many of my reporters felt overburdened when they were asked to write three stories, Pat wrote ten and sometimes more.

And throughout my many years of working alongside her, she never once complained. She loved writing and loved her community. Before health problems forced her to work from home, she and husband Jack would spend Thursdays helping us design the paper to go to press. She was a bundle of joy, keeping everyone loose on what was typically a stressful day.

But that was Pat. She always had a smile on her face and had kind words for everyone. And despite having health issues the past few years, she continued writing and reporting. It didn't matter if she was on vacation or sick at home, she kept writing, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Having twelve different newspapers, I have encountered all types of reporters/writers. There are those that are very conscientious and care deeply about their job and community. I would say I'm lucky to have several that fit that description. Then there are others that simply struggle to produce one article in a timely manner.

Pat was at the top of the former. She will be missed. At this point I have no Idea how I will replace her. She has been the face of the Clare County Review for 42 years. Her death was so sudden, I hadn't given a replacement much thought. We will figure it out, but without Pat's contributions, it will be a struggle.

But more importantly than her professional career was the friendship we developed and then sustained through the many years. As co-workers we were together a lot, and then in later years talked on the phone a couple times a week as well as emailing back and forth. She was the definition of a true friend- there to offer advice, tell you when she thought you were wrong, or simply to offer encouragement.

While I aspired to lofty professional goals, Pat chose a simple life- one that put family, Clare and The Review first. Without her I dare say The Review might have went the way of its competitor, The Sentinel or like so many other newspapers. But because of her we are strong, and the strength she gave us will allow us to carry on for many years to come.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

A year ago, somewhere between Halloween and Thanksgiving, there was a slight crisis on the home front. It was during this time that Madame Dewey realized she was missing a stocking. The default go-to response at other dire moments when something is missing was to ask me, "What have you done with… (said object?) In this case it was a missing silk stocking. A white one; not a dark one.

Now, I like a mystery as much as the next fellow, but my real preference is what Miss Christie called a "cozy" murder mystery, not an errant sock. I watch the British ones; sometimes the French if it comes with subtitles; and have written a few. Socks are never included in these sagas.

The idea of "The Mystery of the Purloined Stocking" had a catchy title to it, but I don't think I could do much with it. Besides, I was now commissioned to go on a quest.

My default method, when confronted with serious challenges such as a missing sock is to go for a walk around the block to cogitate and come up with an answer. When I headed for the door I was advised a missing sock did not warrant a hike - just find it.

Still, there was no reason to break a tradition, especially since the weather was still good. Before long I had a simple solution to this mystery of the missing footwear, and asked, "That wasn't the sock with a hole in the toe, the one you threw out, is it?" Sadly, none of her stockings had gone into the circular floor file.

As a completely irrelevant aside: my sock drawer is full of single socks. The good news is that when one sock out of a pair is pitched, since they don't mate for life, there is a reasonable chance it can soon be re- partnered with another orphaned sock. To that end, I make sure all of my socks are black and the same make and model.

I began my investigation, starting with a look-see behind the washing machine and the dryer in case it had somehow flipped out of a machine and gone into hiding among the dust bunnies. Nor had it tumbled out of the laundry basket, slithered under a bed, or anywhere else. For better or worse, we do not have small furry four-legged companions who might choose to use it as a chew toy, unlike a family in Portland Oregon who had a full-scale Great Dane who had eaten 43 socks. He had to have abdominal surgery, just in case you are wondering, and is doing okay now.

We asked the housekeeper to keep an eye out for the errant garment. Now, on occasion she has been known to accidently vacuum up something that should not be vacuumed. I made my inquiries. Not a chance. She had not done the deed, she assured me, and I believed her.

I proposed taking apart the washing machine to see if it somehow got mangled by the agitator. Madame reminded me that this machine does not have an agitator, so I said I could pull out the dryer and see if it managed to pulled through the lint thingy into the stove pipe that exited through the wall on the sunrise side of the house. That proposal agitated Madame who suggested it would be far less expensive to buy a pair of socks than hire a professional to put the washer and dryer back together.

To be honest, greater minds than mine have been at a complete flummox by a sock that has gone AWOL. I shudder at the thought of the countless hours reasonable intelligent men and women have devoted to their search for one sock. If the late English physicist Stephen Hawking were still with us, maybe he would tell us that it a missing sock is anecdotal proof of the existences of very miniature black holes that magically absorb socks past the event horizon.

Indeed, science might give us the answer. I am no intellectual slouch too proud to ask for help. I turned to the Artificial Intelligence website to get a physics-based answer. It took less than a minute, and I had a formula on my screen. I freely share this brilliance with you so you can use it to fob off someone wanting you to find their sock.

(L(P x F) + C(T x S) - (P x A) = missing sock

L stands for laundry size, which is determined by the number of people (P) in the household multiplied by the number of washings (frequency or F) per week.

C stands for complexity or: a. the number of dials and buttons on the control panel of both the washer and dryer, b. the amount of care that must be taken to add the right fluids and start the machine, c. the amount of separating that must be done in advance (i.e. colors, fabrics, temperatures) and so on.

T = the types of washing done each week

P represents one's enthusiasm about doing the laundry, ranging from 1 (I hate this job and when I get rich enough I'm going to hire someone to do this for me) to 5 (WOW! This is the most fun I've had since this time last week. I wish I could do this more often.)

A means the level of attention devoted to do the laundry each and every week or several times a week for years and decades on end.

Obviously, the P and A portions of this formula are so variable that it throws everything off-kilter, just like too many heavy sheets on one side of the tub in the spin cycle.

However, this formula does teach us one thing: The more laundry you do, the more routine it becomes, and it eventually gets to the point where your mind is away with the fears, which is right when the Black Hole slips past you, grabs the sock, and you have no idea where it went.

I am no physicist, but I will give a bit of pastoral counseling here: Some things are a mystery. We have big mysteries and we have small mysteries in life. Missing socks are small mysteries. We must learn to embrace these mysteries and make a leap of faith. Someday, perhaps not in our lifetime, perhaps not in this, but a parallel universe someone will find a single sock somewhere. It might be the one you lost on washing day. You can keep it as a reminder of the time you invested in reading this column.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberals can't handle the truth

To the Editor,

If liberals truly believe in the validity of their ideals, then why do they consistently create a subterfuge when presenting them to the American voter. Progressive leftist and radical activist Sal Alinsky wrote in his book Rules for Radicals, "Accuse your opponent of what you are doing to create confusion and to inculcate voters against evidence of your own guilt".

Every time I hear a liberal mention our constitution or the rule of law it makes my skin crawl. Each action instituted by the Trump administration that the left objects to, they childishly claim to be unconstitutional and illegal. Although the left has little use for such pesky concepts as truth or facts, thus far most of the court challenges by their activist judges have resulted in decisions that substantiate President Trump's actions as unquestionably constitutional and legal. Every day the obstructionist actions of the new democrats through their activist judges reflect that they care nothing for the preservation of our Republic and are obsessed with furthering their destructive anti-American ideology. An ideology that the American voters soundly rejected in our nation's 2024 general elections.

As President Trump eliminates unnecessary federal jobs the left falsely claims this is unconstitutional and illegal. Although when Bill Clinton's Reinventing Government team eliminated between 250,000 and 460,000 federal jobs between 1993 and 2000 the left had no objections. Then on January of 2021 Biden signed Executive Order 13990 just a few hours after his swearing in, and thousands of people on the Keystone XL pipeline were suddenly out of a job. But then these weren't federal employees so the left couldn't have cared less.

The purpose of government is not to be a job creator, that is the function of American business and industry. To claim that DOGE is unconstitutional is reflective of how little the left knows about the law and business. Every day in America businesses hire consultants to evaluate the efficiency of their organizations. Having witnessed and experienced this several times throughout my career, those consultants have the authority to request whatever information is necessary to fulfill the objectives of management. For an employee to refuse to immediately respond to their requests is grounds for immediate dismissal. Elon Musk is functioning in that very capacity. Welcome to the private sector.

The continued pathetic listings of Joe Biden accomplishments are insulting. Such claims as Biden's history of selfless public service, his intellectual prowess or his being a devout Catholic. Biden has always been a small, petty, self-serving opportunist only concerned with the accumulation of wealth and power. True of far too many bureaucrats, Biden has always been completely incapable and unskilled to succeed outside of the tax funded public trough. As far as being a devout Catholic, to my knowledge, other than Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden is one of very few American politicians to have ever been denied communion.

Federally, statewide and locally liberals still appear clueless as to why they lost the November '24 elections as badly as they did. We hear claims how ignorant everyone is who didn't vote for Harris and the new democrats. Or perhaps they weren't black or Hispanic enough or they were bigots, homophobes, misogynists or simply haters. The left's only explanation to the '24 election results is petulant name calling and sniveling. No matter how the left attempts to rewrite American history they forget that we were all present for the attempted destruction of America under the Obama and Biden regimes and those lies are far too easily remembered and recognized. Their promise of joy didn't appear to work out all that well for them last November. Imposing the likes of Pete Buttigieg on us as Michigan's U.S. State Senator illustrates just how clueless they still are. Pete was a colossal failure as the mayor of South Bend, IN and was even more inept as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Liberal's joy will never take the place of honor, character and ability.

As an aside, when my wife and I heard of the liberals foolish February 28th economic blackout we felt compelled to respond in a responsible fashion. We therefore decided to reschedule our bi-monthly shopping trip to Kalamazoo from the 27th to the 28th. Although I can't say we noticed a significant difference in the crowd size, by and large the shoppers were far more courteous and friendly. Thank you for that.

Theodore Roosevelt nailed it when he said" If you want to make a conservative angry, lie to them. If you want to make a liberal angry, tell them the truth."

John R. Young

Issues to Consider

To the Editor:

Mike, I wish to take exception to your editorial in the March 6th edition. In your editorial you state that returning 5,000 dollars to every taxpayer would reduce inflation and lower prices. I feel that statement is false like many statements President Trump made in his address to Congress. I agree that the funds should be returned to taxpayers but doing so would drive up demand, drive up prices and increase inflation...On that basis I feel your statement was false.

President Trump made the following questionable claims during his address to congress:

Other countries will be paying trillions of dollars in tariffs--Tariffs are paid by the consumer U.S. citizens. 350 billion dollars of aid to Ukraine. The actual total was considerably less.

Auto plants opening all over the place. Where? That was an untruthful statement.

8 million dollars for making mice transgender. The funds are actually spent to make mice transgenic to be used in lab tests to study disease. What a distortion.

These are only a few of the questionable statements made by President Trump.

I feel your position as editor requires you to standup for truth and to highlight those false claims when they occur. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STAND UP FOR TRUTH?

Bob Beck
Hopkins

Trump the Illusionist presents with a full and complex bouquet of priorities

Dear Editor:

Why must the American political herd queue up as minions to summarily mete out political retribution toward Zelensky over Putin? Putin-the-strongman idealized by Trump possibly, yet it is not necessary. Putin-the-strongman, until recently presented as manipulative and untrustworthy; A worthy adversary once, and until one recognizes the trance laid over us all, undetected. Imperfect, maybe, yet effective thus far.

Please slap yourselves out of the hideous trance; Let us rejoin and restart the perpetual improvement upon the American Systems and ideals we had begun to recognize and grow along with. Distractions from Trump's primary purpose comes out of our Oval Office easily and in rapid fire assuring his gambit lays low and only indirectly noticed, if at all. Trump remains focused on the lost election and promises made during that 'perfect phone call' made not so long ago. What did he commit to in that call beyond ego and self-aggrandizement. Trump says: "They are all that is important, follow me and you will be great again. What else is there?" Save ourselves, now, before the big flash that may result in our demise.

Ric Curtis

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Wayland Union's Dancing with Star Staff Results

By Gari Voss

Members of the Wayland Union School District staff took the stage with their Wildcat Dance Theater partners and gave the audience in the Wayland Union Fine Arts Center a wonderful show on Wed., February 26, 2025, with Dancing With The Star Staff. Supporters from schools across the district clapped, screamed and whistled for their favorite performers.

After the panel of judges gave their critiques and the votes were cast by stuffing ballot boxes with dollars of all denominations, the winners were announced. In truth, there were no losers, but as with every competition, the top vote getters need to be announced.

Wildcat Dance Theatre Artistic Director Leigh Ann Hill announced, "DWTSS was such a huge success. Everyone pulled out show-stopping performances! With ticket sales and audience votes, we raised $3,900 and cleared $3,500."

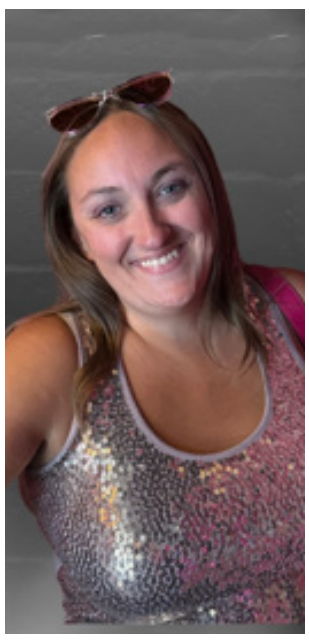
This was a fundraiser, and with the proceeds, the dancers will be able to attend: the Oakland Dance Festival in Farmington, MI, The Nutcracker Matinee of the Grand Rapids Ballet Company at DeVos Performance Hall, and the Michigan Youth Dance Festival at the University of Michigan: Dance Department.

Director Hill and the Wildcat Dance Theatre Team would like to thank all of the Star Staff competitors: Rochelle Diaz, the high school Spanish teacher; Paul Goodwin, the high school football coach and substitute teacher; Michael Doupe, high school English teacher; Kacie Bultje from Pine Street Elementary School's Media Center; and School Resource Officer Jon Schafer

In addition, kudos go to the panel of esteem judges Elizabeth Stein, the Varsity Dance Team coach; Assistant Superintendent Theresa Fulk; Elizabeth Santana, Pine Street 4th grade teacher; and Cierra Onken, Dorr Elementary special education teacher.

At Near right is Jamie Berens, clerical aide, who ensured that Dorr Elementary was on the stage. With the assistance of 9th grader Kaylee Nylaan and 10th grader Taryn Shook, Ms. Berens was able to strut her stuff. With her background at ULTA, she definitely had the right look.

At far right, Runner Up: Karyll Russell, the high school assistant principal, came with a strong background that included taking ballet and contemporary dance. Students Kadence DuShane, 10th grade, and Makayla Featherly, 9th grade, knew that roping in the new administrator would bring enthusiasm to the stage.



Obituaries

Patricia A. Renkema, 80

Patricia A. Renkema, age 80, of Fennville, MI went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, surrounded by her family members and friends with outpouring love and prayers.

Patti was born on July 1, 1944, to Donald and Dorothy Koehler of Oak Park, IL. She was a graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School and completed one year at the University of Wisconsin. She went on to work in various careers, including in dental and insurance offices, Fennville Public Schools, and an assisted living center. Patti loved serving others in Christ and did so as a Bible study leader, Sunday school teacher, women's jail ministry, and through countless other ways that impacted each person she met. Patti truly "held out her candle," shining her light for the Lord and guiding others to the feet of Jesus.

Patti married the love of her life, William (Bill) when she was 19 years old. Their marriage was filled with abounding joy, faithfulness, devotion, and compassion. Their love was strong, unwavering, and true, striving always to put the Lord in the center of their relationship to love passionately and abide by. The afterglow of their love for one another will forever be heartwarming, inspirational, and treasured.

Patti was a passionate, cheerful, and godly woman whose primary mission in life was to lead others to the foot of the cross to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. A Bible verse that so eloquently paints her daily focus is 3 John 1:4, which reads, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." Her sweet, humble and affable spirit radiated God's love and her firm devotion to His Word. She loved spending her free time studying the Bible and developing her knowledge of God's promises, which could happily occupy her for hours on end.

She also loved the sport of tennis, playing games, documenting memories with photographs, and most of all, being surrounded by family, who she faithfully

Patricia A. Renkema

discipled to. Her tender, gracious, and gentle nature exuded through her love for the birds, cats and dogs, cloudy skies, the smell of rain, and the smallest intricacies of God's design. Nothing was too small or insignificant to her, including each person or creature she met. Her ability to listen, trust, and rely on prayer was matchless, and she carried it with her to the day the Lord welcomed her home. With humbleness and gratitude, we take heart and smile knowing our radiant Patti has been made new in Heaven, with Jesus forever.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Dorothy Koehler; sister, Carol Koehler, mother-in-law, Alice VanPlew; and daughter, Sheri Davis.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 61 years, William Renkema; siblings, Judy (Bruce) Grams, Denny (Kristie) VanPlew, Nancy (Bob) Bigelow, and Donna (John) Leonard; children, Scott (Melissa) Renkema, Mark (Julie) Renkema, Lori-Ann Paarlberg, Cindy Haadsma and Jennifer (Scott) Folkert; seventeen grandchildren, Ryan (Rachelle), Alek (Amanda), Katelyn (Joey), Heidi, Spencer (Sophie), John (Caroline), Justin, Abigail, Taylor, Nicholas, Benjamin, Madeline (Rohmell), Jarrett, Danielle (Bennett), Cole, Andrew, and Aubree; and six great-grandchildren, Olivia, Amelia, Gabriel, Corduroy, Mila, and Harvest.

Our family would like to extend our gratitude to Patti's doctors, nurses and pharmacists for their excellent and compassionate care.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for 11:00 am on Saturday, April 19th at Corner Bible Church, 4001 124th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010.

Memorial contributions may be made in Patti's honor to:

Word of Life Fellowship, PO Box 600, Schroon Lake, NY 12870.

Camp Beechpoint, 3212 125th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010.

Wishbone Pet Rescue, 165 Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406.

George William Preisler, 88

George William Preisler, aged 88, passed away on February 27, 2025, in Allegan, Michigan. Born on February 22, 1937, in Park Falls, Wisconsin, George was a cherished figure known for his deep knowledge, love for his family, and a keen sense of humor that often took others by surprise.

George's early life was marked by his athletic prowess, playing basketball at his high school in Park Falls and earning a scholarship that led him to Stevens Point and later the University of Wisconsin Superior College. Also, while in high school, George played the accordion in a band called The Blue Notes. George and two high school friends would play around Park Falls and surrounding area. His academic and athletic pursuits were only part of his story, as he also served his country with distinction. George was a proud Army PFC and a Sharpshooter with the Rifle M-1, serving from September 23, 1959, to December 31, 1964, which included time in the National Guard.

Professionally, George was a respected National

George William Preisler

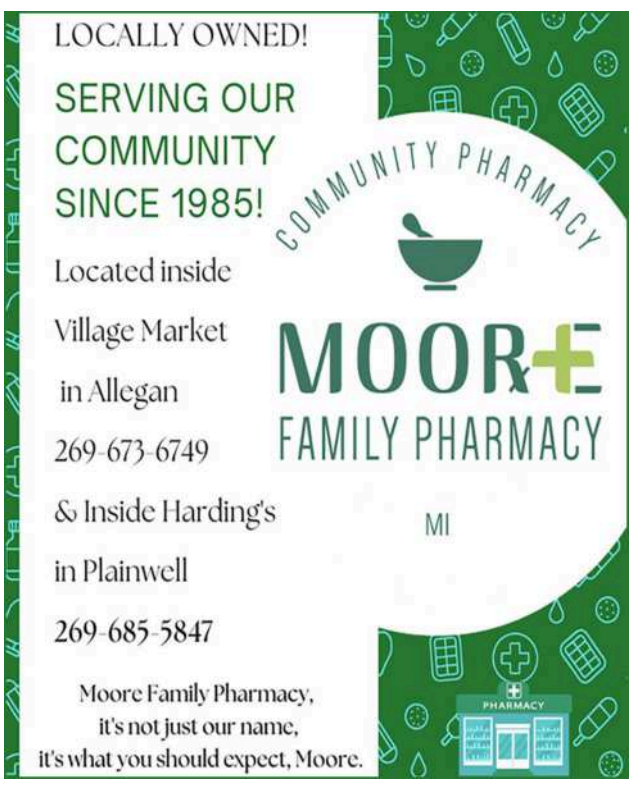
Sales Manager for AFCO Industries of Holland, Michigan, among other companies. Later, he explored entrepreneurship, owning Redders Party Store and The Shelf & Custom Shop in Holland, where he combined his business acumen with his love for building and creating. One of George's fondest accomplishments was being a subcontractor of the home they built on Allegan Lake in 2004 and was able to finish the interior with his son Brian.

George was a member of Immanuel Lutheran church in Allegan, Michigan. His hobbies included hunting, golfing, building custom shelves and wooded frames, reading, traveling, and watching sports on TV, reflecting his diverse interests and active lifestyle.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Donna; daughter, Cheryl Hense (Mark); grandchildren Ava, Cody, Jake Hense, and Lillian Preisler; sisters-in-law Marilyn Preisler, Geraldine Beltinck, Beverly Clemens, Peggy Hegeman, and Kathryn Hegeman; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Brian J. Preisler; brothers Duane and Donald Preisler; mother, Marie Preisler; father, Joseph Preisler; and brothers-in-laws: Fred Hegeman, Ronald Clemens, and Ken Hegeman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran church in Allegan Saturday March 29, 2025, 11 am- 2 pm; with a luncheon to follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. George will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, and his contributions to his community.



Dr. Seuss invades Ransom District Library

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The world of Dr. Seuss came to life at the Ransom District Library on Tuesday, March 4.

That's when Ransom hosted its annual Dr. Seuss Night in honor of the legendary author's birthday. And based on the attendance, the event is as popular as ever.

"Overall, Dr. Seuss Night enjoyed its usual spirited attendance," Ransom director Joe Gross said. "And even with a couple hundred kids and their caregivers, the program ran very smoothly in the capable hands of our head of youth services, Erin Marsh."

Gross got into the spirit of the event by dressing as a star-bellied Sneetch from the book "The Sneetches" and entertaining eventgoers with his guitar. Ransom's head of patron services Analiese Mattson, meanwhile, was dressed as The Cat in the Hat.

Two other staff members were Thing 1 and Thing 2.

It's that level of commitment from the library staff members that makes Dr. Seuss Night the special event it is.

"I think the event has always been a hit because it blends the championing of childhood literacy, which families are generally glad to celebrate, with a sense of excitement and moment," Gross said. "Having staff dress up as life-sized Seuss characters offers a little bit of theme-park-style magic along with the various fun activities.

"And the traditional Dr. Seuss cookies are good, too."

The event featured Seuss-themed bingo, crafts, a scavenger hunt, story time and, for the first time ever, a Star-On, Star-Off Machine inspired by "The Sneetches."

"Our Design Lab leaders, Tom Long and Michelle DeMorrow, built the amazing machine and it delivered the sense of fun and wonder that we always hope for in a visit to the library," Gross said.

"On that special night, library staff gets to enjoy a lot of extra 'thank yous' from families, and this year we heard a lot of positive comments about the different activities."

According to Gross, Dr. Seuss Night is very much a collaborative effort that wouldn't be possible without the commitment of several individuals.

"While the library's youth service department (Marsh along with youth specialists Dimitri Flietstra and Devin Bullmer) run the show, and our design lab team provides amazing props, we have the Friends of Ransom Library to thank for funding the whole project," Gross said.

"That group, under the leadership of President Jan Ragainis, works all year long to fundraise for special events like Dr. Seuss Night, and we cannot thank them enough."

And more volunteers are always welcome.

"Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library can inquire at the library," Gross said.

Ransom head of patron services Analeise Mattson entertains visitors as The Cat in the Hat. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

A Star-On, Star-Off Machine was new to Dr. Seuss Night this year. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Thing 1 leads a round of musical chairs at Dr. Seuss Night at Ransom Library. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego schools receives special visitors

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Students at the three Otsego elementary schools—Alamo, Dix Street and Washington Street—welcomed some special visitors on Monday, March 3.

Dr. Seuss characters The Cat in the Hat (Otsego high school freshman Grifin Jacobs), Horton the Elephant (OHS senior Caleb Wesseldyk) and Mrs. Mayor of Whoville (OHS freshman Madison Collison) made the rounds to kick off Reading Month.

The characters are part of OHS's upcoming presentation of "Seussical The Musical," which will take place from Thursday, March 27, through Sunday, March 30.

OHS choir director Meredith Lincoln served as chaperone for the visits, during which Jacobs, Wesseldyk and Collison read to students in character.

"Overall, the visits went really well," Lincoln said. "The elementary students were engaged in the readings, and the high school students got a chance to be their characters in front of an audience.

"Many of the students said they were going to go home and ask their parents to come and see the show. I would say it was a success, and this is something I would like to do again in the future."

Before leaving each school, the Seussical cast members handed out bookmarks to the elementary students that had information about dates and times for the performances.

"The elementary students were reacting to the stories with lots of 'oohs and ahhs,' Lincoln said. "They were all very excited to see the costumes the high school students were in. They especially loved Horton's big ears."

Lincoln also made sure to let the elementary students know that The Cat in the Hat, Horton and Mrs. Mayor were only a few of the characters they would see in the show.

"When I told the elementary students the list of other characters they would see in the musical, they got very excited," Lincoln said.

According to Lincoln, the elementary school tour was a great opportunity for the three cast members to get comfortable as their characters in front of an audience.

"It was so fun to watch my three students become their characters," Lincoln said of the three, who are all part of the choir at OHS. "They each read their books in character and captivated the young students.

"Seeing them in costume and becoming characters made me even more excited for the show. It also made me really proud that I can take these students to the elementary schools and know that the musical program will be represented well."

Otsego High School choir director Meredith Lincoln (far left) took "Seussical" cast members Madison Collison (Mrs. Mayor of Whoville), Grifin Jacobs (The Cat in the Hat) and Caleb Wesseldyk (Horton the Elephant) to the three Otsego elementary schools to visit students and read Dr. Seuss books. (Photo provided)

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Plainwell council to consider appointments

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PLAINWELL - The Plainwell City Council had several items it was scheduled to consider at its March 10 meeting.

The Council was to consider confirming the Mayor's appointment of community members Barbara Seekman and Molly Wright to the Compensation Commission as presented. The Council was to consider approving Plummer's Environmental Services to complete the lining and cleaning project for the City of Plainwell for $183,036.Also on the agenda was for the Council to consider approving the rebuild of the Wilo grit pump by Fixall Electric for $6,640.28.The Council was to be asked to consider the installation of three large water meters by W Soule for $5,320.The Council was to consider approving the auction of unused equipment and items by the DPW as presented and to consider approving the purchase of buildings No. 17 and No. 18 from GHD for $326,000 and authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase agreement for the property subject to final approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. The Council was to look into authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute documents or other agreements as necessary to close on the purchase of the property, subject to final review by the City Manager and Attorney, and authoriz11. Communications: The February 2025 Investment and Fund Balance reports.

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Diving results: Seven schools send divers to finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON--Hamilton hosted a Division 3 diving regional on Thursday, March 6.

And it was a good evening for the seven Allegan County participants.

All seven--two each from Hamilton, Otsego and Plainwell along with one from Wayland--advanced to the State Finals by virtue of finishing in the top 15.

The State Finals are slated to begin on Friday, March 14, at Eastern Michigan University. A total of 36 divers will compete, with the top 20 after five dives advancing to semifinals, which consists of the next three dives. The top 16 divers after those eight dives advance to the finals on Saturday, March 15.

The battle for the top local finisher came down to Hamilton's Jayden Bierschbach and Otsego's Caleb Wesseldyk.

Bierschbach ended up placing fourth with a career-high 373.05 points, with Wesseldyk less than four points behind at 369.25 for fifth.

Bierschback's teammate Brodie Brown placed eighth with 347.5 points.

"Both boys had a good night," Hamilton dive coach Aaron Paskvan said. "Brodie earned his second trip to state and Jayden had a lifetime best performance by about 24pts. They have both worked hard and are excited to go together to the state championships."

Wesseldyk qualified for the State Finals for the third straight year. He'll be joined by teammate Collin Crites, who qualified for the first time.

Sitting in 16th place through 10 of the 11 dives, Crites jumped into 15th place on his final dive and finished with 284.75 points.

"It was an exciting night, especially for Collin," Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. "We knew Caleb was going to be okay. The mission for him was to not get hurt, but I had no doubt he would make the top 15.

"Collin's goal all year was to make the state meet. He had a good year, but it is tough when your entire season goal comes down to one meet. It was even tougher when his entire season came down to his last dive. But the boy came through. For him, it was fantastic."

Wessledyk placed 10th at the State Finals two years ago adn 12th last year.

"Caleb's goal this year was to make the All-State team," Belton said. "Now is his chance. He is definitely one of the best divers in the state of Michigan. Now it's time to prove it.

"I am very excited for both of the boys. They have earned this. Now we have to take advantage of the opportunity."

For Plainwell, Aidan Ranger placed ninth with 343.3 points, while teammate Phil Mathis was 11th with 314.75 points.

"Both of our divers did exactly as expected at regionals," Plainwell dive coach Lynne Seibert said. "This is Phil's first time qualifying for the state meet. For Phil, this is monumental. As a freshman, he was barely able to land on his head.

"Aidan dived consistent, which helped to solidify his spot at the State meet. I am so proud to have coached these young men. Not only are they terrific athletes, but they are coachable, fun and, most importantly, exceptional young men in and out of the pool."

Wayland's Carson Lown is the final Allegan County qualifier. He placed 11th with 320.8 points.

From left, Plainwell's Phil Mathis and Aidan Ranger will join Otsego's Caleb Wesseldyk and Collin Crites at the Division 3 State Finals. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Hamilton's Jayden Bierschbach and Brodie Brown both qualified for the Division 3 State Finals. (Photo provided)

Otsego defeated by Paw Paw in District 2 action

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SOUTH HAVEN–A tough way to end a good season.

That's the way Otsego girls basketball coach Tony Koshar described his team's 47-41 loss to Paw Paw in the title game of a Division 2 district hosted by South Haven on Friday, March 7.

The Bulldogs led at the end of each of the first three quarters: 11-10 after one quarter, 22-18 at halftime and 31-27 at the end of the third period.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Red Hawks used a 20-10 scoring edge to earn the comeback victory over Otsego.

"It was a night that we led for most of the game, although it was pretty close throughout," Koshar said. "I don't say this often, but I don't think on this night that the better team won."

Paw Paw opened the final frame on a 12-4 run to take a 39-35 lead before Otsego regrouped to knot the score at 41-41 with about two minutes left to play.

But Paw Paw scored the game's final six points as the Bulldogs simply couldn't get any shots to fall.

"At the end of the day, we just didn't shoot the ball very well," Koshar said. "We got all of the shots we wanted, but it was one of those nights where they rimmed out a lot."

The shooting woes extended to the free throw line, as the Bulldogs went 9-of-18 from the line.

Brooke Smalldon scored a game-best 14 points in the loss to go with seven rebounds and six steals. Tessa Prough, one of Otsego's two seniors along with Reagan Engbers, added 10 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Otsego senior Tessa Prough looks for an open teammate. (Photo by Tim Beason)

Madden Fitzpatrick chipped in with seven points and a team-best nine rebounds.

"We fought foul trouble for the majority of the night, but the girls kept playing hard," Koshar said.

Otsego, which finished the season at 13-10, will return nine of the 11 players who suited up for the district title game.

"It was a great year of growth for us while still having some success for our two seniors, Tessa Prough and Reagen Engbers," Koshar said. "We will remember both of them for their leadership and inspired play all year. We'll miss them.

"We're also excited about the girls we have coming back. The future looks really bright."

Saugatuck girls basketball defeats Gobles in Districts

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BLOOMINGDALE–During the regular season, the Saugatuck girls basketball team beat Gobles both times the teams met.

The average margin of victory? A cool 28.5 points.

Still …

"It's March Madness and it's Gobles," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "If you look back at the history, Gobles has absolutely owned us for a decade up until recently. So they still give me nightmares because they're a very well-coached, strong traditional program.

"I've been around way too long to take anyone for granted."

Sharpshooting Saugatuck sophomore guard Mylah Simpson did her part to make sure the Trailblazers weren't "absolutely owned" by Gobles in this game.

On the strength of seven 3-pointers, Simpson scored a career-high 36 points to nearly match the offensive output of the entire Gobles roster and lead Saugatuck to the 66-42 win.

Simpson also had six rebounds and six blocks.

"Mylah has earned it," Tringali said of Simpson's performance from long range. "She'll never be outworked. She's shooting from college, if not NBA-length, threes. But she works on that, so that's why she has the green light.

"I'm not gonna tell a kid like that 'no' when I see the work that she puts into it. That obviously was a big part of why things turned out the way they did. She's one of the best, most unselfish kids I've been around in 27 years of coaching."

While Saugatuck ended up winning the game convincingly, the start was a bit nerve-racking for Tringali.

Gobles scored the game's first six points before Penny Grob hit a jumper to get Saugatuck on the scoreboard. Then it was Simpson's time to shine, as she scored the next seven points.

That 9-0 scoring run put the Trailblazers up 9-6.

With the game deadlocked at 21-21, Simpson took over yet again, knocking down four 3-pointers in the final four minutes of the second quarter to help stake Saugatuck to the 35-26 halftime lead.

Simpson added eight points in the third quarter, with junior Tali Laskowski scoring nine of her 18 points during the frame as Saugatuck extended its lead to 55-39.

"(Gobles) did that to us at our place (during the regular season),, so I was thinking that if we don't turn things around, we could be in for a long night," Tringali said of Gobles' fast start. "But Tali and Mylah really carried us on their backs. They made the plays when we needed to and just gradually pulled away.

Grob added six points, five rebounds and four assists, while Maggie Loomis pulled down 12 rebounds for the Trailblazers.

Mylah Simpson has been one of Saugatuck's top offensive weapons throughout the season. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Martin girls beat Howardsville Christian in semis

Clipper Anna Jager drives to the basket for Martin. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

LAWRENCE—A balanced scoring attack had been one of the hallmarks of the Martin girls basketball team throughout the season.

The Clippers' Division 4 district semifinal against Howardsville Christian on Wednesday, March 5, was no exception.

Three Martin players scored nine points and two others scored seven points to propel the Clippers to the 49-26 win.

"As usual, our offensive attack was incredibly balanced," Martin coach Ben Schipper said.

Kayden Jager, Marybeth Ritchie and Torryn Harris led the way with nine points each. Ritchie also had seven rebounds and four assists, while Harris had five rebounds and three steals.

Avery Jager and Anna Jager chipped seven points apiece. Avery Jager added a team-best 10 rebounds and Anna Jager had five boards. Each had two blocks.

Martin started the game strong, going up 11-5 after the opening quarter.

Kayden Jager scored five points—including a 3-pointer—during that span. Ritchie added four points.

It was Anna Jager's turn to take the lead in the second stanza, as she scored five points to help push Martin's advantage to 23-9 at the intermission.

Defensively, Martin limited Howardsville to four free throws in the second quarter.

The third quarter didn't go quite as well, with Howardsville holding a 10-9 scoring edge.

"We came out sluggish in the third with multiple unforced turnovers and allowing Howardsville some open midrange looks, which they shoot very well," Schipper said. "We stressed during a timeout the need to lock in and keep things simple on the offensive end.We wanted to cycle through the offense and make the defense work more."

That message got through loud and clear, as the Clippers closed the game on a 17-7 run in the final frame to pull away.

"We are very proud of the effort we brought tonight for three of the quarters," Schipper said.

Martin girls lose in district action

By Jason Wesseldyk
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LAWRENCE–The Division 4 girls basketball district final against Martin and host Lawrence on Friday, March 14, came down to the free throw line.

Lawrence went 16-of 25 at the line, while the Clippers finished 4-of-11.

That allowed the Tigers to secure the 40-36 win, ending Martin's season in the process.

"This loss was heartbreaking," Martin coach Ben Schipper said. "With a win, we would get to go home and host regionals and we were very excited about that possibility.

"Our girls played their hearts out and we couldn't be more proud of their effort."

Schipper was particularly proud of his team's defensive effort, which limited Lawrence to nine made field goals in the game.

"We pride ourselves on our gritty man-to-man defense," he said. "We decided to ratchet it up even more for this game and go full deny on Lawrence's top player. Torryn Harris gave a legendary defensive effort holding her to 10 points with only two made field goals. She was an absolute warrior all night."

That defensive effort allowed the Clippers to lead 22-19 at halftime. The game was knotted at 27-27 through three quarters.

But in the final frame, Lawrence took advantage of its large edge at the line.

The Tigers were 7-of-12 on free throws in the fourth quarter compared to 2-of-4 for Martin, as Lawrence used a 13-7 scoring edge to hold off the Clippers.

"Without going into all the details, we feel we executed our game plan extremely well and that's what makes this loss so tough," Schipper said. "We just couldn't get shots to fall when we needed them down the stretch."

Anna Jager paced Martin with 11 points, followed by Avery Jager with eight points. Harris and Marybeth Ritchie chipped in with six and five points, respectively.

The loss ended the prep hoops careers of seniors Avery Jager and Macy Thorne, who missed the end of the season with an injury.

"We are so thankful for our two seniors Avery Jager and Macy Thorne," Schipper said. "They played on varsity for four and three years, respectively. We will miss them dearly and applaud their commitment to the program."

Martin junior Torryn Harris controls the ball for the Clippers. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Saugatuck girls beat Fennville in district semifinal

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BLOOMINGDALE—Batman and Robin. Mario and Luigi. Snoopy and Charlie Brown.

Those are some iconic duos.

The Saugatuck girls basketball team has a pretty terrific tandem of its own in junior guard Tali Laskowski and sophomore guard Mylah Simpson.

The pair racked up a combined 44 points and 18 steals to lead the Trailblazers to the 71-32 win over Fennville in a Division 3 district semifinal on Wednesday, March 5.

"It's no secret that Tali and Mylah are phenomenal players," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "They play so well together and they kind of get us going on both ends of the floor."

Saugatuck's Sage Larson (left) passes to a teammate in district action. (Photo by Jason Wessel-dyk)

Indeed they do.

Simpson finished with a game-best 25 points to go with seven steals and six rebounds. Laskowski went for 19 points—10 of those coming in the final quarter—11 steals and seven assists.

The strong guard play from Simpson and Laskowski helped offset the absence of senior post player Kennedy Gustafson. She was sitting out for a second straight game after suffering a broken nose during a regular-season game against Fennville on Feb. 25.

"We've had multiple kids in double digits on any given night and it's one of the things we've been proud of all season," Tringali said. "We're hoping that Kennedy can come back (soon) because she's a big piece of our success. She's been the face of our program these past four years."

Saugatuck junior Tali Laskowski scored 19 points and had 11 steals in the district semifinal win over Fennville. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

The Trailblazers (22-1) wasted no time taking control of the game, building a 15-7 lead after one quarter.

The lead stood at 33-11 at halftime, thanks largely to 12 second-quarter points from Simpson.

Entering the third quarter, Saugatuck led 52-23.

Junior guard Penny Grob added nine points to go with four steals in the winning cause.

Much of the offensive success enjoyed to the Trailblazers was due to a relentless defensive effort, namely a three-quarter-court press.

"We knew that our best offense was going to be our defense," Tringali said. "We actually struggled a little bit against their 2-3 zone, but if we can keep pressure on people and score off of our pressure, we'll be okay."

Senior Lila Rosema led the charge for Fennville, scoring a team-best 12 points to go with seven rebounds. Sophomore Ceeley Howard added seven points.

Otsego girls defeat South Haven in semifinals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SOUTH HAVEN– Brooke Smalldon and Tessa Prough.

That proved to be a winning combination for the Otsego girls basketball team in its Division 2 district semifinal against host South Haven on Wednesday, March 5.

With 17 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter and the score tied at 48-48, Smalldon knocked down a pair of clutch free throws. On the ensuing South Haven possession, Prough blocked a shot by South Haven sharpshooter Ly'nique Cunningham and secured the rebound to seal the 50-48 victory for the Bulldogs.

Prough, a senior, finished with 17 points, seven rebounds, four blocks and four steals.

"She really came out aggressive and played like she didn't want it to be her last game," Otsego coach Tony Koshar said of Prough.

Smalldon was close behind in scoring, checking in with 15 points.

Those 32 combined points from Prough and Smalldon helped offset a 27-point effort from Cunningham, who reached the 1,000-point milestone as a sophomore this season.

"This time of the year the adage is survive and advance and tonight was a perfect example of that," Koshar said.

The game couldn't have started much better for the Bulldogs, who built a 28-14 halftime lead.

But Cunningham and the Rams didn't go quietly, chipping away at Otsego's advantage until finally knotting the score at 48-48.

"It was a tale of two halves," Koshar said. "We jumped out to that big lead, but South Haven did a nice job of spreading us out in the second half. That created space for (Cunningham) and allowed them to get back in the game."

Otsego fouled the Rams with 24 seconds left to play, but South Haven missed both free throws. Seven seconds later, Smalldon was fouled and knocked down her freebies, setting the stage for Prough's block at the other end.

Madden Fitzpatrick added 10 points and four rebounds for Otsego. Audrey Lingbeek played all 32 minutes.

"Audrey did a great job getting us into our offense all night," Koshar said.

Plainwell boys defeated by Holland Christian

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BATTLE CREEK–In its Division 2 regional semifinal against Holland Christian on Tuesday, March 4, the Plainwell boys basketball team led 22-18 at halftime and maintained a 28-22 edge in the closing minutes of the third quarter.

Never, though, did Plainwell coach Larry Ash feel overly comfortable.

"Sometimes you have a game where you may have the lead but you are really not in control," Ash said. "That's how this game was. Because every time we had a chance to put the lead into double figures, we turned it over or missed an easy shot."

Led by Titus Spencer, Holland Christian took advantage of Plainwell's inability to put the game away by holding a 22-8 scoring edge in the final frame to hand the Trojans a 49-36 loss.

Plainwell, which claimed its first district title in 16 years, finished the season at 17-7.

"I know everyone says it was a good season and it was," Ash said. "But when you set goals and have high expectations and you work so hard, it's not that easy. When you get a team and everybody buys in and believes and you have that confident feeling walking into every game, it's a dream.

Plainwell junior John Amaezechi and his teammates fell to Holland Chrisitan in a Division 2 regional semifinal. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"I know in high school when you get that type of team you have to make the best of it and just feel bad for our guys because we had that kind of team. I am so proud and so thankful to each one on this team for being here for Plainwell basketball and letting me coach them."

Chib Amaezechi and Chad Winenger led Plainwell with 10 points each. Drew Nelson and Drew Rayman were next with seven points each, while John Amaezechi rounded out the Trojans' scoring with two points.

Thanks in large part to a pair of 3-pointers from Rayman, the Trojans took a 10-7 lead after one quarter. Six second-quarter points from Winenger helped push that advantage to 22-18 at halftime.

But with Plainwell's lead standing at 28-22 late in the third stanza, Spencer took over for Holland Christian.

Spencer knocked down a 3-pointer to narrow the gap to 28-27 to close out the third period before tacking on five straight points to open the fourth quarter to give the Maroons a 32-28 lead.

Spencer ended up scoring 12 of his game-high 29 points in the final frame to lead his team to the victory.

"(The Maroons) have a really good point guard and he hit a couple of threes and it was downhill from then on," Ash said. " We work on jumping screens to send him back and it was working in the first three quarters. But if you are late against a guard like him, he can go around you or split you. He is pretty good."

John Amaezechi added seven rebounds and four steals in the loss, while Chib Amaezechi had five rebounds and three assists. Winenger added four rebounds.

Faces in the Crowd

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St Patrick's Day falls on March 17th, a Tuesday this year. For the Irish and non-Irish alike, it is a time to party. Do you have any plans?

-Middle aged couple at a gas station on M-89: Woman: "We used to go to a corned beef and cabbage dinner somewhere, so we'll probably do that." Man: "Yup. Drink beer and eat corned beef and cabbage."

-Older couple near the Blue Goose in Fennville: Man: "I'm hoping the Lawrence Welk show will be his annual Salute to the Irish, and they'll play some old favorites." Woman: "I like Joe Fleeny, that Irish tenor. I'll bet you never heard of him. Or Dennis Day. He was good, too."

-Younger man, same location: "Not much of anything. I'm Polish, sooooo…."

-Woman near the Fennville grocery store: "Going in right now to get some sugar cookies with green icing for the grandkids. It'll be dessert after the Irish stew I always make."

-Younger man near the Allegan Post Office: "Maybe a pub crawl that weekend with some friends. Just hanging out with them."

-Couple near the Regent: Man: "We're taking the two grandchildren to Chicago for the weekend." Woman: "I want them to see how they dye the river green and watch the parades. Me and him grew up on the south side, so we go back once in a while for it. The grandkids are old enough to enjoy it."

-Young woman near Allegan City Hall: "Not much. It doesn't matter, really, just so long as Mother doesn't cook the meat and cabbage. It stinks up the house and I have to wash my hair again. And every year my dad wants to watch that John Wayne movie, you know, the one about a boxer." [The film is The Quiet Man.]

-Older woman in front of Minnie's: "The Feast Day of the Blessed St. Patrick of Ireland, as it is properly called, is on March 17th. It is in Lent, which means without dispensation from our bishop or the Pope, there is to be no partying that day. I doubt there will be any dispensation this year." She looked around to be sure no one was listening, "But, I'll have my celebration on Sunday, and that will be just as good."

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

March 13, 1950

Crime wave nipped in bud with arrest of four in Otsego: A junior crime wave was nipped in the bud in Otsego last week when four 14-year-olds were arrested and turned over to the probate court.

Judge Harold Weston released the quartette to their parents pending trial.

Their activities last Monday night included thefts at the Chevrolet garage, Spencer's grocery store and the looting of cars parked near the Masonic temple and the Otsego Falls Paper Mill.

All property was recovered excepting part of it which the boys found too heavy to carry and had dropped in the river.

March 13, 1975

Allegan schools to mark 'Music-in-Schools Day': Music in our Schools Day, sponsored by the 62,000-member Music Educators National Conference, will be celebrated for the first time today (Thursday), according to Allegan High School senior band director Charles Ball.

Several prominent state professional music organizations will participate in the event, Ball said.

Music in our Schools Day aims to focus public attention on the goals and processes of present-day music education, which reaches more than 2,000 young people in Allegan schools and some 46,000,000 across the country.

The Allegan School Board, in action at their last meeting, joined Gov. William Milliken and President Gerald Ford in proclaiming Music in our Schools Day March 13, and a variety of events have been scheduled locally to emphasize the music program k-12.

The Allegan senior and junior high schools have invited all interested community residents to visit the music classrooms today, and the elementary schools will observe the event with concerts provided by the high school vocal department on Monday and Tuesday.

March 16, 2000

Family plans national reunion: The opening of this eastern Allegan County community in the 1830s owes much to a family of prominent Scottish highlands emigrants.

Monteith family members made some of the earliest purchases of land south of the present location of Martin. Their descendants contributed significantly to the township's history. Some live around Martin and in nearby communities to this day.

Michael Monteith of Holland, who began a Monteith USA newsletter in 1999, set himself the task some six or seven years ago of organizing a national family reunion. Because of the pioneering status of Monteiths in Michigan, Martin seemed the logical place for the gathering.

Arrangements have been settled, Monteith descendants from across the nation will assemble at Martin High School, both in the gym and outdoors, Saturday, July 22. Michael expects to host family members from 11 states.

"We're going to have some bagpipes here," he said. "It's just a big celebration of all of the Monteiths who cam from the old country to America."

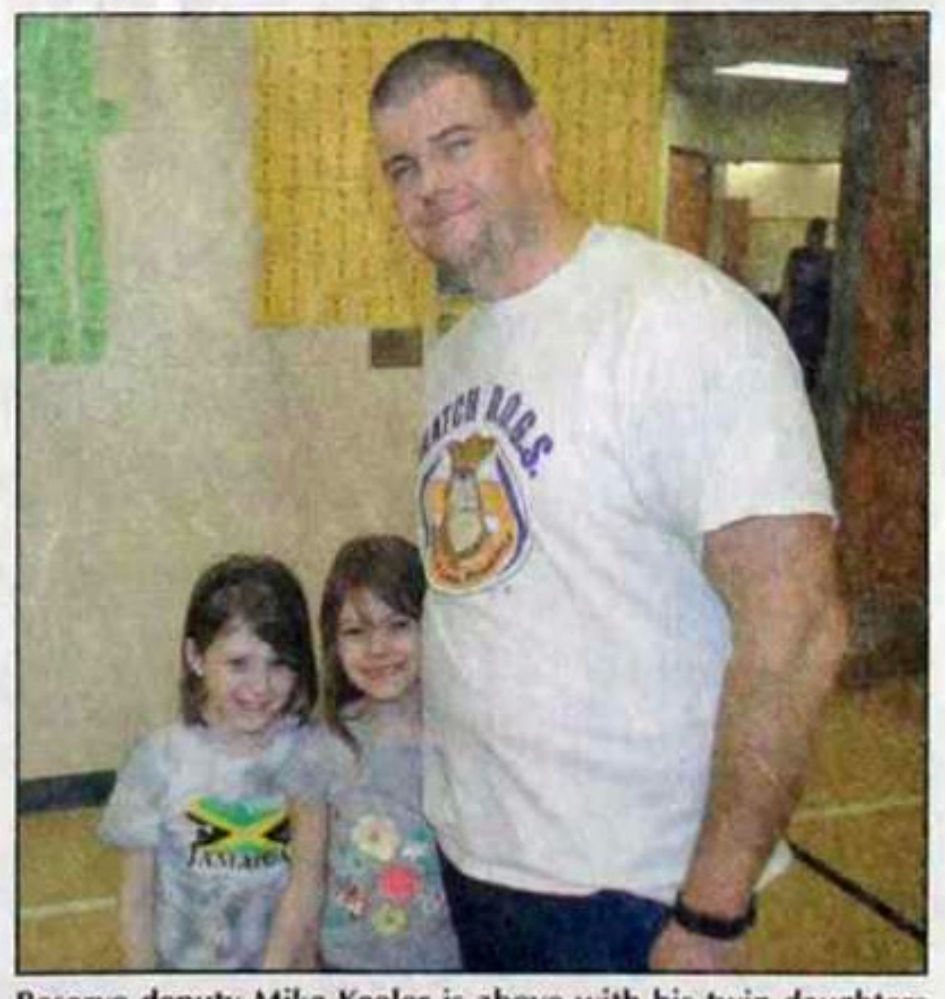
In bygone days, the Monteith clan had connections to Stewart and Graham clans, among others, in the Scottish highlands.

William Monteith, Sr., with wife Isabella, traveled from Scotland to New York State in 1775. They immediately began a large family.

March 12, 2020

Reserve deputy saves man's life: When Otsego resident Floyd Eshbaugh stopped breathing at Otsego Family Fitness on Feb. 3, he had help.

Owner Michelle Kamp shouted for help from off-duty Allegan County Reserve Deputy Mike Keeler, who ran over from his elliptical, called 911 and began chest compressions after Eshbaugh, 58, stopped breathing and was in cardiac arrest.



Reserve deputy Mike Keeler is above with his twin daughters Ava and Ana, volunteering at their school. (Photo by Ryan Lewis)

Kamp retrieved the automated external defibrillator, Keeler set it up and it began to administer shocks to restart Eshbaught's heart.

Plainwell EMS and other first responders quickly arrived to take over and took Eshbaugh to the hospital. He spent the next couple of days in a coma.

He now has a pacemaker and came home Feb. 14.

Eshbaugh's daughter Nicolette Sartori said, "If nothing else, I want to tell people about the importance of knowing CPR. If not for (Keeler) being there and if Michelle hadn't have had a working AED—the fast response of everyone involved, those are the reason my dad's alive.

"Mike Keeler is an angel send down from heaven. I'm so grateful for him and the other first responders. Thank you isn't enough."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Poring over an album of old family photos, cousins Marlene Rose (left) and Jeanne Holley recollect their Monteith heritage. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

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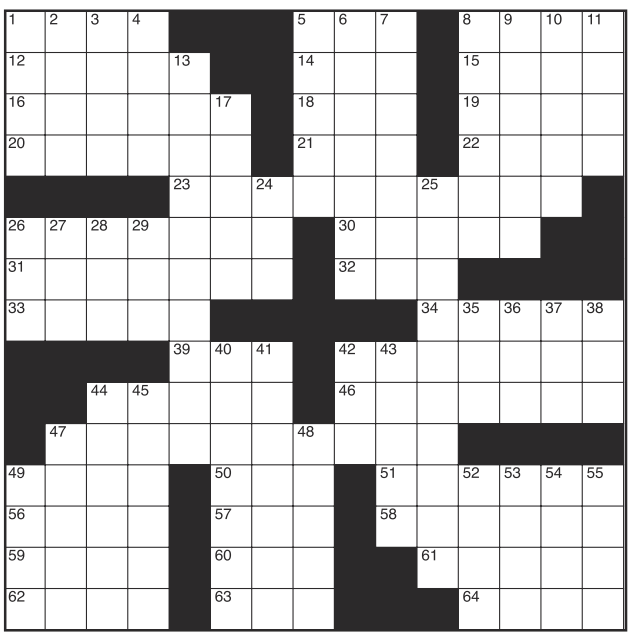

CLUES ACROSS
1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Expression of recognition
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. An iPad is one
18. Adult beverage
19. Manning and Wallach are two
20. Makes a petty verbal attack
21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Wristwatches
26. Body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. Turkish honorific title
33. Yell
34. Historic Alabama city
39. Cub
42. Type of sea bass dish
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Former OSS
51. Open spaces in a forest
56. Innermost brain membranes
57. Fortune
58. Hunting expedition
59. Doomed queen Boleyn
60. Peyton's little brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Scottish tax
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. An increase in price or value

CLUES DOWN
1. Works of body art
2. Abba __, Israeli politician
3. A desert in Asia
4. Eat greedily
5. Doomed French queen
6. Beat
7. One who survives on blood
8. As a consequence
9. Counted on
10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
11. Unclean
13. One who does not drink
17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
24. __ student, learns healing
25. Bacterial skin infection
26. Expresses surprise
27. What one says on a wedding day
28. Crony
29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
35. Unit of length
36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
41. Statements that something is untrue
42. Greek alphabet letter
43. Suspends from above
44. Popular types of cigars
45. Girls
47. U.S. philosopher and logician
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian
54. Amounts of time
55. Trigonometric function

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Feb. 15, 2025
EDGAR OCTAVIO MONTENEGRO JR, 32, Leighton Twp.

Feb. 19, 2025
ROSS LEE HULL, 79, Otsego Twp.

Feb. 20, 2025
KAREN DENISE GIANAKIS, 70, Allegan Twp.
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Feb. 21, 2025
YVONNE JOYCE KOPPENAAL, 91, Manlius Twp.
MARY LOU JOHNSON, 84, Otsego
JODY ALLEN GRAY, 49, Otsego
CHARLES DEE BODFISH JR, 63, Casco Twp.

Feb. 22, 2025
JAN MEYERS, 85, HOlland
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Feb. 23, 2025
CONNIE LOU BOEVE, 81, Holland

Feb. 25, 2025
JOYCE ELAINE SNELLER, 86, Holland
JESSICA JOHANNA HOOGENBOSCH, 66, Holland
MELISSA DAWN BROWN, 53, Salem Twp.

Feb. 26, 2025
PATRICIA JOY BREUKER, 83, Holland

Feb. 27, 2025
GEORGE WILLIAM PREISLER, 88, Valley Twp.

Feb. 28, 2025
JOHN THOMAS OKON, 58, Otsego
BARBARA JEAN DREYER, 81, Laketown Twp.

March 1, 2025
CHARLOTTE CATHERINE FEIN, 79, Dorr Twp.

March 3, 2025
JOEL WILLIAM WILSON, 74, Fillmore Twp.
DORIS EMELINE HYDER, 99, Gun Plain Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Feb. 25 and March 5:

ZACHARY JEREMIAH MARTIN, Pullman, and **JESSICA MARIE HARRIS**, Holland

MARK DANIAL SUMMERS, Otsego, and **AUTUMN RAIN LEWIS**, Otsego

KEVIN JAY KEUR, Allegan, and **JULIET CHIAMAKA MICHAEL**, Allegan

JANICE ANN SHEPHARD, Allegan, and **MARIO ANTHONY KIRALY**, Allegan

OSCAR JOSUE CASTILLO, Allegan, and **ESNA YANETH CALEL LOPEZ**, Allegan

ELIZABETH RENEE HOFFMASTER, Wayland, and **ARIANNA MARTENA OLES**, Wayland

ETHAN ADAM BUFFINGA, Grand junction, and **CASSIE KAY KALINOWSKI**, Kalamazoo

JANICE MARIE DECKER, Otsego, and **TIMOTHY ALLAN DECKER**, Otsego

PAYTAN DINIELE HAMLETT, Plainwell, and **ERICK JOHN HANKISH**, Plainwell

MARK ANTHONI ORTIZ CAMPBELL, holland, and **ALEXANDRIA MARIE SUAREZ**, Holland

ALEXANDER PATRICK GALOVAN, Plainwell, and **KATIE MARIE RUSH**, Plainwell

KELLEY ANN SAINTZ, Fennville, and **MONTE EDWARD HENRY**, Fennville

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORFEIT AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY

BRADLEY BASTOW (formerly of 6990 114th Ave. in South Haven):

The state of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, herewith provides notice that it intends to dispose of certain personal property that was seized on May 12, 2017, in the course of investigating a complaint filed with the Bureau of Professional Licensing (Complaint No. 51-XX-146276). If you believe you have a claim to said property, please reply in writing to:

Lorne Carignan
Bureau of Professional Licensing
611 W. Ottawa
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, Michigan 48909
1-23 3-27

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Adam J. Watkins and Daniela M. Watkins, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 28, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 6, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $330,409.53

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Trowbridge, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24, 522.72 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North along said West line, 797.87 feet; thence East perpendicular to said West line, 647.74 feet; thence South parallel with said West line, 797.87 feet; thence West perpendicular to said West line, 647.74 feet to the point of beginning.

Except the following Parcels A and B:

Parcel A (Southerly portion)

That part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on the West line of said Section, 522.72 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on said West line, 185.75 feet; thence South 73 degrees 59 minutes 56 seconds East, 673.85 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 647.74 feet to the West line of said Section and the point of beginning.

Parcel B (Northerly portion)

That part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on the West line of said Section, 1320.59 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 50.90 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 596.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 200.04 feet; thence North 71 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds West 629.47 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 435 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010-9788

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 27, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1553934
(02-27)(03-20)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO: #-25 70077
ORDER TO ANSWER
HON. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
THE DAVID C. VANDEBUNTE TRUST, By David C. VandeBunte, its Trustee and
THE BARBARA A. VANDEBUNTE TRUST, By Barbara A. VandeBunte, its Trustee
Plaintiffs,
Nathan E. Tagg (P68994)
Tripp, Tagg & Storrs, Attorneys at Law
202 South Broadway
Hastings, Michigan 49058
(269) 948-2900
Attorney for Plaintiffs
VS.
IRENE PETERSEN REVOCABLE TRUST,
Defendant.

TO:

Fifth Third Bank-Cincinnati, Ohio as Trustee of the Irene Petersen Revocable Trust

At a session of said court held in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan on the 12 day of February 2025.

PRESENT: HONORABLE Matthew Antkowiak P-59449, Circuit Judge

Based on the pleadings filed in the above entitled case, it is ordered that the Defendant, or any beneficiary of the Irene Petersen Revocable Trust, shall file a Notice of Interest in the above captioned case in real property more fully described as:

PARCEL 8 (FOR GRANTOR'S RECORDS ONLY)

LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF GUN PLAIN

PARCEL 1: THE SOUTH 30 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, ALSO: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, THENCE NORTH 1000 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 35' EAST ABOUT 830.5 FEET TO THE INTER-SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY CENTERLINE, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG CENTER OF THE GUN MARSH ROAD TO SOUTH SECTION LINE, THENCE WEST TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN SECTION 11; EXCEPT: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 11 AND 14; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59' 28" WEST ALONG THE LINE COMMON TO SECTIONS 11 AND 14, 1210.90 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF MARSH ROAD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59' 28" WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 712.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 18' 44" EAST 503.83 FEET TO A CREEK TRAVERSE LINE NEAR THE SOUTHWESTERLY BANK OF A CREEK; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID TRAVERSE LINE THE FOLLOWING COURSES: SOUTH 32 DEGREES 21' 30" EAST 89.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 41' 57" EAST 70.78 FEET; SOUTH 52 DEGREES 26' 13" EAST 55.52 FEET; SOUTH 36 DEGREES 43' 09" EAST 101.79 FEET; SOUTH 55 DEGREES 25' 30" EAST 80.18 FEET; SOUTH 70 DEGREES 05' 36" EAST 98.62 FEET; SOUTH 68 DEGREES 38' 24" EAST 54.07 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 02' 17" EAST 33.45 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 20' 15" WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 75.07 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, INCLUDING THAT AREA LYING BETWEEN SAID CREEK TRAVERSE LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF CREEK, SAID PARCEL SO DESCRIBED, EXTENDS TO THE CREEK CENTERLINE WITH FULL RIGHTS PERTAINING THERETO.

EXCEPT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54' 45" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE, 654.79 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID SECTION LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54' 45" EAST, 93.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 18' 44" EAST, 509.97 FEET (PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS 503.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 22'21" WEST 549.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17' 11" EAST 749.65 FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'28" EAST, 1460.51 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11 TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 10'58" EAST, 283.94 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 49'02" WEST, 180.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 03'52" WEST, 251.38 FEET TO A TRAVERSE LINE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE CREEK; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 45'02" EAST, 176.14 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SAID CREEK TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARCH ROAD; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREE 10'58" EAST, 173.35 FEET ALONG CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL #0308-011-020-00

PARCEL 9 (FOR GRANTOR'S RECORDS ONLY)

PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF GUN RIVER OFF OF THE SOUTH END OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST.

ALSO: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST.

PARCEL #0308-010-001-00

by May 12,2025 to assert any interest in the above described property. If the Defendants fail to do so that shall constitute a default in the above entitled matter, and on June 9, 2025 at 11:00am in the fore/afternoon, this Court shall take proofs and shall terminate whatever interest the Defendant may have in and to the above described property unless a Notice of Interest in the Real Property is filed in this action or unless Defendants or their representatives appear in the Allegan County Circuit Court at that date and time.

Honorable Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
Drafted By:
Nathan E. Tagg (P68994)
Tripp, Tagg & Storrs, Attorneys at Law
202 South Broadway
Hastings, Michigan 49058
(269) 948-2900
ATTEST A TRUE COPY
Brenda L Thomas
Deputy Clerk
2-27 3-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, April 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James A. Laux, A Married Man to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2014, and recorded on August 18, 2014, in Liber 3858, Page 910, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 21, 2015 and recorded August 25, 2015 in Liber 3957, Page 153, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen and 30/100 ($63,219.30) including interest at the rate of 4.37500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 344.0 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence continuing North 208.71 feet; Thence East 417.42 feet; Thence South 208.71 feet; Thence West 417.42 feet to the place of beginning. Also commencing 344 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence East 417.42 feet to the place of beginning of this description; Thence North 208.71 feet; Thence East to Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right of way; Thence Southerly along said railroad right of way to a point 344 feet North of the South Section line; Thence West to beginning. Commonly known as: 1823 57TH ST, FENNVILLE, MI 49408 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 27, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00069-1
(02-27)(03-20)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Dominick Fisher, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage 1 Incorporated Date of mortgage: July 31, 2020 Recorded on August 11, 2020, Liber 4495, on Page 359, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on February 22, 2023, Liber 4837, on Page 375, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 80/100 Dollars ($116,350.80) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 11 of Aspen Acres, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats on Page 48, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 4361 Moore Rd, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(02-27)(03-20)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, Michigan, starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by DAY MOON ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated December 15, 2017, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Allegan County, Michigan on January 19, 2018, in Liber 4215, Page 227, as amended by an Amendment to Mortgage dated September 19, 2018, and recorded in the office of the Register od Deeds for Allegan County, Michigan on September 25, 2018, in Liber 4285, Page 142 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 72/100 Dollars ($769,433.72). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Ganges, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Beginning on the North and South 1/4 line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 103.00 feet North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East on said 1/4 West 1/8 line in the Southeast 1/4, 1204.94 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line 358.24 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West 1308.36 feet to the South Section line; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same 238.83 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East 103.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West, 120.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Beginning on the South line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 358.83 feet South 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds East 1308.36 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line, 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1308.53 feet to the South line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same, 150.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: The East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, EXCEPT that part lying East of U.S. 31. And also that part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 which lies Westerly of U.S. 31, EXCEPT that part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 being described as: Beginning on the East and West 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4, Section 20 at a point 141.70 feet North 88 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West of the East line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West on said 1/8 line, 516.54 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 30 seconds West 416.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds East, 317.58 feet to the center of Blue Star Highway; thence along the center of said highway on a curve to the left with a radius of 2292 feet to the far end of a chord that bears North 25 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 458.78 feet to the place of beginning, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Parcel 4: Beginning on the South line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 508.83 feet South 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds East 1308.53 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West on the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1308.71 feet to the South line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same, 150.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 1630 Blue Star Highway, Fennville, Michigan 49408

P.P. 03-07-020-019-11 (Parcel 1); 03-07-020-019-12 (Parcel 2); 03-07-020-027-00 (Parcel 3) and #03-07-020-019-10 (Parcel 4)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: March 6, 2025
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP
150 Ottawa Avenue NW Suite 1500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000
32036167
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Steven J Borst an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: May 23, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $197,040.98

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 11 West, Martin Township, Allegan County, Michigan, 1894.07 feet North of the West 1/4 post of Section 20; thence North 125 feet, thence East 200 feet, thence South 125 feet; thence West 200 feet to the point of beginning

Common street address (if any): 1773 10th St, Martin, MI 49070-8711

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ashley N. Rogers, an unmarried woman, whose address is 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated April 1, 2022, and recorded on April 4, 2022 in Liber 4746 Page 448, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 7, 2024 and recorded on February 7, 2024 in Liber 4919 Page 184, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND THIRTY AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($169,030.48). Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one quarter of Section 26, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County, Michigan; commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 26; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds West along the West line of Section 26, 412.50 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds West along said West line 198.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds East 320.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds East 198.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West 320.00 feet to the West line of Section 26 and the Place of Beginning. Street Address: 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: March 6, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6322
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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy A. Stevens and Tari Stevens, husband and wife, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated November 26, 2002 and recorded January 3, 2003 in Liber 2366, Page 209 and Scrivener's Affidavit recorded on July 6, 2011, in Liber 3528, Page 660, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 92/100 Dollars ($185,582.92).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on APRIL 17, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

The North 124.84 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 4 North, Range 12 West.

4245 21st Street, Dorr, Michigan 49323

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 6, 2025
File No. 25-002709
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(03-06)(03-27)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darcy Lloyd, an unmarried woman and Jackie Lloyd, an unmarried man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2010 and recorded April 13, 2010 in Liber 3410, Page 229 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four and 12/100 Dollars ($75,984.12).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on APRIL 17, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of GANGES, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section, thence North 01 degree 18 minutes 46 seconds West 327.48 feet along the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West 529.64 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 14 seconds East 326.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 42 seconds East 529.14 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section to the Point of Beginning.

2110 66th St, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 13, 2025
File No. 25-002042
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65467-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Marylynn Webster Date of Birth:*March 23, 1959
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marylynn Webster, died December 23, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Courtney Phillips, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 3, 2025
Mary Jo Boerman P56086
123 E. Main Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616)772-2487
Courtney Phillips
1734 Wolverine Drive
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 510-0358

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Frank E. Blink II and Crystal Dawn Blink, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration

Public Notices

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: Mackenzie Carl Clark has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on April 22, 2025 at 2:00pm at 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater, to change the name of: Mackenzie Carl Clark to Mackenzie Carl McPeck

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65501-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Frank H. Bradley III, deceased Date of Birth:*11/24/1942
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank H. Bradley III, died 02/01/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Heather Brown c/o Andrew Vorbrich: 151 S. Rose St., Ste. 900, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
3/7/2025
Andrew Vorbrich: P43943
151 S. Rose St., Ste. 900,
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 381-8844
Heather Ann Bradley Brown
6104 Thistlewood Ave.
Scotts, MI 49088
(269) 492-8189

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
25-65465-DE
Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Gertrude Jean Van Der Bie, Deceased Date of Birth:*02/14/1934
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gertrude Jean Van Der Bie, Deceased, died 01/09/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brent Van Der Bie, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
March 6, 2025
Leah A. Johnson, Scholten Fant P82709
P.O. Box 454
Grand Haven, MI 49417
616-842-3030
Brent Van Der Bie
654 College Avenue
Holland, MI 49423
616-210-8393

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $180,322.44
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records
Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF Allegan
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 25-65498-DE
Estate of Robert James Lampen, Deceased
Date of Birth: 5/16/1937
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert James Lampen, died on 10/8/2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas Lampen, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 112 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: 03/04/2025
Michael J. Becker (P81132)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269) 673-2136
Douglas Lampen, Personal Representative
995 Holland St.
Saugatuck, MI 49453
(269)455-0413

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65506-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Dennis Keith French Sr., Deceased Date of Birth:*01-16-1947
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dennis Keith French Sr., died 10-18-2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Belinda Jeanne French, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
3-4-2025
Christopher T. Antkoviak P59448
416 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010 (269)673-8468
Belinda Jeanne French
817 139th Avenue
Wayland, MI 49348
616-318-8089

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, Michigan starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Steven Kamyszek, a single person, as Mortgagor to United Bank of Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation, dated September 3, 2020, and recorded on October 7, 2020, in Liber 4520, Page 840, Instrument No. 2020020611, recorded in Allegan County Records, Allegan County, Michigan. The balance owing on the Mortgage is $105,193.07 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 3.000% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in the Township of Dorr, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, described as: The North 16 rods of the West 10 rods of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 4 North, Range 12 West, Dorr Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Together with and subject to easements and restrictions of record. APN # 03 05 025 004 00 Commonly known as: 1270 140th Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCLA 600.3240(8), unless deemed abandoned and then pursuant to the time frames provided for in MCL 600.3241a. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. March 3, 2025 UNITED BANK OF MICHIGAN, Mortgagee PLUNKETT COONEY KELLI L. BAKER (P49960) Attorney for Mortgagee 333 Bridge Street NW, Suite 530 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 (616) 752-4624
(03-13)(04-10)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan M. Buczek, AKA Jonathan Buczek, a married man and Kathryn M. Buczek, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Chemical Bank
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST
Date of Mortgage: October 8, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 2, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $167,558.27
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 10, Nature View Estates, a Site Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3170, Page 288, as amended, in the Office of the Allegan County Register of Deeds, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 275, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Common street address (if any): 1603 Nature View Ln, Allegan, MI 49010-9112
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: LEESA MAE REAM has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on APRIL 22, 2025 AT 1:00 PM at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater, to change the name of: LEESA MAE REAM to LEESA MAE JAGER

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65505-DE and JUDGE JOLENE CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of JOSEPH B. CHANNELLS Date of Birth:*04/12/1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOSEPH B. CHANNELLS, died 01/28/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DUSTIN CHANNELLS, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
03/03/2025
NATHAN E. TAGG P68994
202 SOUTH BROADWAY
HASTINGS, MI 49058
269-948-2900
DUSTIN CHANNELLS
924 JAMES STREET
PLAINWELL, MI 49080
269-267-1289

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on March 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold public hearing on the following item:

1. Ordinance 528 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7, Article II, of the City of Allegan, Code of Ordinances, Entitled Article II Rental Inspection Program, to Provide for the Registration and Inspection of Rental Units.

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed amendment to the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances. Please send all written comments to the address listed below. Comments can also be sent to mkleehammer@cityofallegan.org by 5:00PM on March 24, 2025.
Allegan City Hall is barrier free. The City of Allegan will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at a city meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring such services should contact the City Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

Notice
of Public Hearing
Salem Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act") the Planning Commission of Salem Township will hold public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan:

1. A request from Christian Skinner, owner of 4088 35th Street, also known as parcel number 03-19-019-009-33, for special use permit to construct an accessory building within the required front yard and larger than permitted by right within the R-1 Agricultural and Rural Estate District, per Sections 11.09(b) and (d) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
2.Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodation may be made.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIR
616-877-2000

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RELIGION SECTION

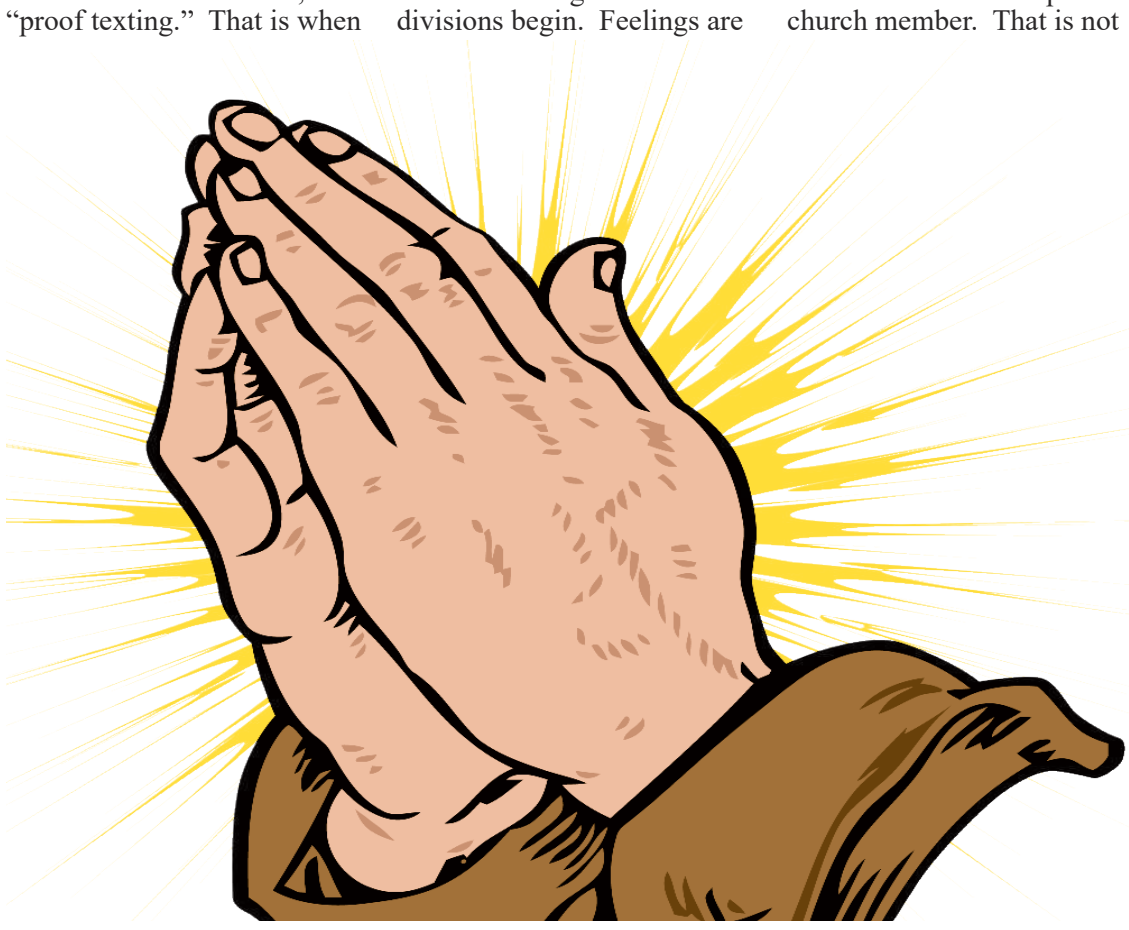
I truly despise airports, and I know I am not alone. From start to finish it is one act of tension after another. It is trying to unload passengers or find a parking space; the long line at the front desk; another line at security, and still another at the boarding gate. Once on the plane there is the struggle to stow the carry-on luggage, and we soon feel like we are a sardine in a tin can without oil to lubricate things.

Airports can bring out the worst in us for one very simple reason: In nearly all situations we are adamantly convinced that we are right and have the right to defend our rights. The only way to do that, many believe, is to be tough and intimidating. Passengers give fellow passengers the "what for," and then turn on airline employees.

We don't like living that way, it gets even more miserable when we see it happening in a church. There is nothing new about it. In the 14th chapter of St Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes about this situation. The interesting part of this conflict is that it is not the result of hostility, but convictions. It is as if various individuals or factions are saying, "I have my beliefs and I am right, so there!"

To add a little more leverage, sometimes members do a bit of what is called, "proof texting." That is when they have an idea or, perhaps adhere to a specific doctrine, and then go on a quest to find a verse or two to justify their beliefs. Another member just as vehemently disagrees, and thus the arguments and divisions begin. Feelings are hurt, and more often that not, someone leaves the parish family. It is always a sad time all around.

All of us want to be right, and there is part of us that wants to be the alpha church member. That is not what Jesus taught. Being a servant of others, not being the self-appointed top person is the way God's kingdom works. It is so different from the standards of much of the rest of the world, it is sometimes hard to remember that teaching.



To make it happen in our churches takes love. Often it is sometimes very hard work to love someone who is different from ourselves or holds different beliefs. But Christians cannot have a strong influence in their own homes, their church, and even less their community or the rest of the world when we are always striving to take control.

We live in a divided world, and the last thing it needs is a church that is divided over often-superficial things that are artificially made important because of a power and control struggle.

Love one another, was the instruction from Jesus. Our task is to figure out how to best make that a reality.

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